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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

SOVIET GIVES WARNING OF ADDED FORCE

Notifies Japan and Germany Submarine and Destroyer Fleets Quadrupled

STATEMENT MADE AFTER CONFERENCE

MOSCOW, Dec. 24 (P).—Soviet Russia, looking both to the Pacific and the Baltic, bluntly let Japan and Germany know today that she has quadrupled her submarine and destroyer fleets in the last four years.

Announcement in the Government newspaper Izvestia said the coast guard fleet has been increased by 1,100 per cent since 1931.

FORCE ANSWERS THREATS

Said Izvestia: "Soviet Russia is always the bearer of the standard of peace, but it will answer threats of invasion with an increase of armed forces. The enemy who dares attack the Soviet Union from the Baltic or the Pacific will feel the force of our submarine and surface fleets as well as their quick mobility. It will quickly be seen that no Redoubtinsky (who commanded the Russian fleet destroyed in the Russo-Japanese War at the Battle of Tsushima) is in command."

Significantly, the statement came after a conference here between officials of the outer Mongolia Republic, who claim they are threatened with a Japanese-Manchukuoan invasion, and Soviet leaders.

Taking a firm stand after the talks, the Mongolian Government has wired a demand for an apology from Manchukuo because of a clash last week in which five Mongol border guards were killed.

NINE INJURED IN ROYAL CITY

Two Seriously Hurt When Cars Come Together at Royal City

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 24 (P).—Nine persons are in hospital, two reported in a serious condition, as the result of a head-on collision between two automobiles on Columbia Street, just outside the city, late today.

Herbert Bolton, driver of one car, was the most seriously injured, suffering a fractured skull.

Two passengers in Bolton's car, William Bell and William Wilson, both of New Westminster, were slightly injured, but are being detained at hospital. Wilson is a well-known Eastern lacrosse player, formerly with the Orillia Terriers and recently brought here from that club by the New Westminster Salmonbellies, local lacrosse club.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Driver of the other car, Hector McKinnon, of Coquitlam, was reported in a serious condition with head injuries.

Mrs. McKinnon, the driver's mother; Mrs. A. Parrel and her three children, Jack, thirteen, Glen, eleven, and Caroline, nine, all of Coquitlam and all of whom were passengers in McKinnon's car, were slightly injured and taken to hospital.

The accident, details of which police were unable to learn, occurred near the penitentiary, about a mile outside the city.

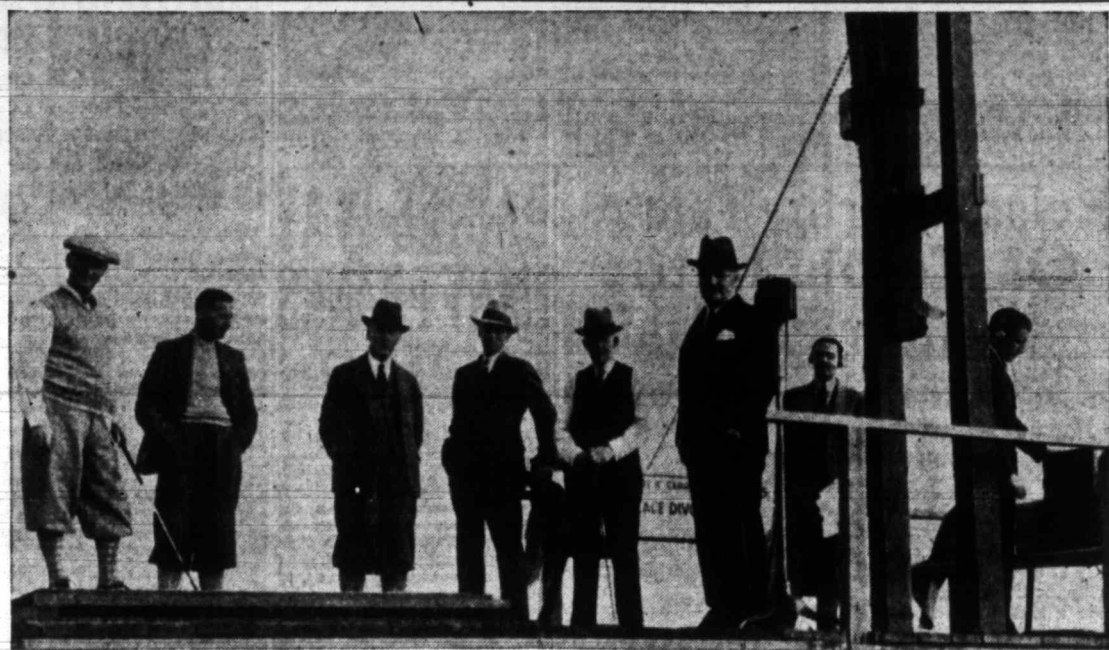
Record Mail at Nanaimo Office

NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—The Nanaimo postoffice handled 20,000 letters yesterday, constituting an all-time record. The last high mark was 17,000 letters handled in one day last Christmas. One hundred and four bags of mail were sent to Victoria by bus today, and 281 sacks went to Vancouver on the S. Princess Elaine.

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As City Broadcasts for Entire British Empire



In the accompanying picture is shown the Victoria contribution to the ambitious two-hour Canadian Radio Commission broadcast "Canada Observes Christmas," which will go on the air today at 12 o'clock, noon, from the thirteenth periscope hole at Oak Bay golf links. A few seconds before, Jack H. Williams, in Ottawa, will speak to his wife and their son, Ian, here, over the Commission lines. In the above picture, from left to right, are Phil Taylor, Victoria Club professional, Harold Wilson, J. E. Wilson, Ernest Todd, C. F. Todd, Premier T. D. Pattullo, next to microphone; Dick Claringbull, announcer and production manager radio CRCV; James S. Lawrie, engineer of the Radio Commission.

MAINLANDERS IN ACCIDENTS

Nineteen Admitted to Vancouver Hospitals—Five Seriously Injured

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24 (P).—Nineteen persons, five of whom are seriously injured, were admitted to hospitals in Vancouver and vicinity on Christmas Eve after traffic accidents, and at midnight police telephones were still busy with reports of other crashes, most of which were minor.

Mrs. M. Eversard and her twelve-year-old daughter, Mildred, were struck while crossing the street at Knight Road and Kingsway. The mother is in a serious condition with a possible fractured skull and other injuries, but the girl escaped with minor cuts and lacerations.

HIT BY STREET CAR

A man, identified from papers in his pockets as Newton, was taken to hospital in an unconscious condition after being struck by a street car at St. Catherine Street and Kingsway. Doctors were still working over him late tonight in an attempt to ascertain the full extent of his injuries.

William Fraser suffered a fractured skull after being struck at Twenty-Fifth Avenue and George Street. His condition was reported as critical.

Struck down as she crossed the street at Seventh Avenue and Hemlock Street, Helen Mills, young stenographer, suffered head injuries which may prove serious.

MANY GIVEN FIRST AID

Six other persons were admitted from various accidents all over the city and are being kept in the hospital for treatment. Numerous others were allowed to proceed to their homes after being given first aid.

Twenty Dead In Wreck of German Train

GROSS HERINGEN, Germany, Dec. 24 (P).—Twenty persons were killed and eighty injured when an express train rammed a local here today.

Thirty were seriously injured in the crash, which occurred at the station while a holiday crowd pushed aboard the local.

The bitter cold added to the hardships of rescue workers, who feared that bodies of other passengers may be found in the wreckage of the cars, some of which were splintered into unrecognizable masses.

MONTREAL CLEANING UP FOR CHRISTMAS

MONTREAL, Dec. 24 (P).—Preparatory to a big push to "keep Montreal clean" in 1936, Director of Police Fernand Dufresne has started a year-end series of raids on gambling and disorderly houses which netted nearly 400 prisoners.

TWO DIE IN TEST

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 24 (P).—A tri-motored Pan-American-Grace Airways airplane crashed on a test flight near here today, killing two persons.

HOPE MINGLES WITH JOY AS CHRISTMAS COMES ROUND AGAIN

Two Important Broadcasts Observe Christmas Over World

THIS morning at 6:20 o'clock the Canadian Radio Commission, N.B.C. and C.B.S. will combine facilities with B.B.C. in England to present the programme, "This Great Family," featuring an address by His Majesty King George which will start at approximately 7 a.m. This programme will also pick up accounts of how Christmas is being observed throughout the British Empire and will be repeated at 3 p.m.

Later, at 12 noon, the two-hour feature, "Canada Observes Christmas," which includes two pick-ups from Victoria, will be released over the Radio Commission network. Best stations available for local residents for the early broadcast are CRCV, Vancouver; KOL, KOMO, Seattle, and KVI, Tacoma.

Optimism Keynote As Leaders Extend Yuletide Messages

Provincial Government and Civic and Municipal Heads Assure They Are Confident of Future in Christmas Statements—Thanks Extended

"UNTIL mankind generally, and that means every one of us, is prepared to put into actual practice the precepts of Christ Jesus, whose nativity we are today celebrating, and make practical the Golden Rule by really treating our fellow man in the spirit of true brotherliness, the conditions under which we are today laboring will continue."

This was the keynote of Mayor David Leeming's Christmas message to the citizens of Victoria. Reeve William Crouch, Reeve Alexander Lockie, of Esquimalt, and Acting Reeve R. Angus, of Oak Bay, also issued Christmas messages to the residents of their respective municipalities.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

"In extending the greetings of the City Council and myself to the citizens of Victoria for a Happy Christmas, I do so in the full realization that there are many among us who are yet, through no circumstance, in the grip of poverty."

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SAYS ETHIOPIAN CASUALTIES HIGH

Italians Claim 700 Killed and 2,000 Wounded by Eritrean Native Soldiers

ROME, Dec. 24 (P).—The Government announced today 700 Ethiopians were killed and more than 2,000 wounded in a battle Sunday at Abbi Addi, in the Tembien region of Northern Ethiopia.

Only 157 Italians were killed, including seven officers, while 173 were wounded, said the communiqué. It asserted more than 5,000 Ethiopians, equipped with new Belgian machine guns, were defeated by Eritrean native soldiers, helped by Italian airplanes and artillery.

War Threats Have No Dampening Effect on North America's Yuletide

SANTA CLAUS COMES WITH FULL CARGO

(By the Associated Press)
Christmas to North America today—rejoice, joyful, hopeful.

Its celebration was free from the anxiety with which war and threats of war tinged its observance in some other parts of Christendom.

Heavy Yuletide business was reflected in the full cargo of the stockings Santa filled throughout the land.

But as "Glory to God in the Highest" was chanted in Bethlehem's ancient ceremonies, the prayers of thousands of pilgrims beseeched the "peace on earth" of which the Christmas message sings.

POPE PIUS SAD

And in Rome, Pope Pius sadly told the cardinals bringing him the felicitations of the reason that this anniversary of the nativity was "darkened by melancholy, menacing clouds and human bloodshed."

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FLYING TACKLE AVERTS HOLDUP

Daring Robbery Attempt in Vancouver Jewelry Store Is Frustrated

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24 (P).—A daring holdup of a Granville Street jewelry store, while Christmas Eve crowds thronged the streets outside, was reported frustrated tonight when Thomas Hogg, alleged bandit, was brought down with a flying tackle by the store manager.

Police reported a bandit, armed with a 38-calibre automatic, entered the jewelry store of Walker M. Gow and after covering a clerk, ordered him to open the cash register and hand over the \$45 it contained. The clerk complied but his actions were noticed by Mr. Gow, who was in the rear of the store.

The manager rushed to the front and floored Hogg as he was leaving the store. Police were called and took the suspect to headquarters, where he was charged with robbery with violence.

Three Hurt When Gangplank Breaks

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 24 (P).—Collapse of a gangplank from a dock to the Chinese steamship Shang Ho dropped three longshoremen twenty feet to the dock, injuring them severely. Melvin Preston, thirty-seven; Elmer Perry, fifty-six; and John Pollock, thirty, were injured on their arms, legs and bodies. They were confined in a hospital.

Military Law Is Used to Control Unruly Students

No Issue of Paper Tomorrow Because Of Staff Holiday

THIS being Christmas Day, the entire staff is having a holiday, and consequently there will be no issue of The Colonist tomorrow morning.

The paper will appear as usual on Friday morning carrying full services and a digest of happenings over the holiday.

VENEZUELA IN TURMOIL

Martial Law in Effect in Capital—Widespread Rioting Continues

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Dec. 24 (P).—Martial law was reported by airplane travelers to be in effect today in Caracas, the capital city of Venezuela, and imminent for the rest of the South American Republic as Provisional President Eleazar Lopez Contreras sought to put down widespread rioting.

Street battles involving soldiers, police and citizens were reported to be raging sporadically in many centers as an aftermath of the death last week of President Juan Vicente Gomez, which threw the country into turmoil. Enemies of the Government were extending their activities from Caracas, the capital, into outlying districts.

Many exiles returned.

Their numbers had been augmented by at least 2,000 exiles in the Gomez regime, who returned after the dictator's death from Colombia, Curacao and Trinidad. Hundreds of political prisoners, released by Lopez and his Cabinet to appease public opinion against the remnants of the Gomez rule, also had joined in the attempts to overthrow the ministry.

Free prisoners, many of them in dungeons for the last ten or fifteen years, were conspicuous in the mobs by their pale faces.

As the disorders continued, the Government launched conciliatory efforts.

TWO KILLED IN AIRPLANE CRASH

Four Persons Rescued From Wreckage of House in Peru After Accident

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 24 (P).—A large tri-motored airplane of Pan-American-Grace Airways crashed into a house from a low altitude today, killing the pilot and an engineer.

Four persons buried beneath the wreckage were later rescued alive. The accident occurred on a test flight.

The dead were Pilot Harold MacMickle and Engineer Russell Petch, whose home addresses were not given.

A witness said the plane, flying at a height of less than 1,000 feet in foggy weather, seemed to stagger and slid off on one wing, falling into an adobe house.

ROBBERS CAUSE OF DEATH FROM SHOCK

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24 (P).—John F. Weber, sixty-five, operator of a liquor store, died early today from shock and exposure after two robbers kidnapped and disrobed him, police reported. He was beaten before being forced to remove his clothing in a school yard. The robbers escaped with \$24.

Revolt Against Use Of Arms Apparent Even in Underworld

Anonymous Letter to Scotland Yard Expresses Disapproval of Force by Criminals—Special Guard Planned for Lindberghs

LONDON, Dec. 24 (P).—An apparent revolt against use of firearms by even Great Britain's underworld was disclosed by Scotland Yard tonight while London's front pages flared with news of the Lindbergh flight from "American crime" to "law-abiding England."

As Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Mrs. Lindbergh and their little son, Jon, spent Christmas Eve aboard a ship of armed raids. It added that although members of the criminal fraternity were "ready to put their backs to the wall," they were not prepared to use force.

Mayor of Greater Shanghai Takes Drastic Measures to Crush Movement of Students Agitating Against North China Autonomy—Japanese Considered Cause of Step Taken

SHANGHAI, Dec. 25 (P).—Gen. Wu Teh-Chen, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, established military control today over areas in which students are centering their agitation against North China autonomy in an effort to crush the movement in this vicinity.

Invitations Were Given By Seventy

Victoria proved yesterday that the traditional hospitality of its citizens has not diminished.

In answer to the plea of a lonely young Englishman for an invitation to Christmas dinner, more than seventy telephone calls were received by the City Editor from persons desirous of having the stranger as a guest.

The young man was referred to the first generous individual who rang up, and is now assured of a warm and genuine welcome in the home of a hospitable citizen.

MAY WIPE OUT OLD LAND TAX

Paying Off Queen Anne's Bounty May End Long Feudal Controversy

LONDON, Dec. 24 (P).—A proposal to wipe out the centuries-old tithe, or land tax, in one stroke by paying off Queen Anne's bounty—a lump sum equivalent to \$300,000,000—may write finish to England's oldest and most bitter feudal controversy.

Farmers, stung to action by the whip-lash of the tithe, in recent months have transformed the peaceful English countryside into a scene of angry strife. Often the tax amounts to \$3.20 per \$5 on the rent of their land.

Since the seventh century, tillers of English soil have paid the tithe, originally giving up to the Crown the whole "first fruits" and thereafter one-tenth of each year's produce.

In 1704 Queen Anne converted these Crown revenues to the Church of England for the benefit of poor curates.

Her deed became known as "Queen Anne's bounty." It started off as the modest sum of about \$85,000, but today it totals more than \$11,000,000 annually.

In addition, there are the lay, or private, tithe-owners, totaling an additional \$5,000,000 from the same source.

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PAUL BOURGET DEAD

PARIS, Dec. 24 (P).—Paul Bourget, internationally-known novelist and academician, died this morning. He was eighty-three years old.

Thanks for Jobs

GRATEFUL thanks for the spirited action of Victoria and district merchants, householders and all others who stretched a point to make work at the Christmas season was expressed yesterday by the Victoria Branch of the Employment Service of Canada. The response to the bureau's call for jobs was described as magnificent, including as it did many men and women engaged by parties directly, besides those who obtained work through the bureau. In sounding its gratitude, the bureau reminded all that its work, and the need for it, continues every day in the year. And so the "Give a Job" campaign, built on co-operation and carried on without expense, closed for its tenth consecutive year in Victoria.

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Mars Brightest Star to Be Seen Over Bethlehem

Traditional Site of Christ's Birth Transformed—Warships Guard Approach to Holy Land—Hymn and Carol Mingle With Song of Troops on Way to War

By ROBINSON MACLEAN
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BETHLEHEM, Palestine, Dec. 24 (By Wireless).—There's a stone Christ child in the manger here. The shepherds are gone, and no star in the heavens shines brighter than Mars.

There's a cast iron cover on the well where the three wise men saw their star, and Calvary, which was thirty years of sorrow from this spot, now is a half hour by motor.

Archaeologists say the site of the manger is probably 100 feet from the spot now indicated.

Orthodox Jews say Christmas is really a fortnight away. The Roman Catholics say it is not "peace on earth, good will toward men," but "peace on earth to men of good will," and the Anglicans have picked themselves another site for the Holy Sepulchre.

IN ONE LITTLE VILLAGE

The villages on the road to Bethlehem where Mary, bearing her child, walked her holy steps, now are owned by Arabs or Jewish immigrants from Poland or Germany. Only in the little village of Pekin, far to the north, have dwelt the Jews continuously since the time of Christ.

The wealthy Christians of Jerusalem are not here. They are at home decorating "genuine" Christmas trees imported from Europe. And hotels in Bethlehem, for the first time in 1,935 years, are almost empty. There are no inns turning wayfarers from the doors, as they did on the night He was born, because the tourist Christians, sprung from those who rode into the Holy City in blood up to the bridges, have canceled their Holy Land tours. They are trying the West Indies, which are supposed to be safer.

There is a mud-bat Ethiopian convent on the roof of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, and a young Ethiopian, conscripted abroad at his country's expense, is

and the flower of beauty. In Jerusalem, a proof-reader revising a guide book, "Know Jerusalem and How to See It," is running his pencil under the description of the third Crusade saying: "Involving 500,000 Christians—the flower of Europe's youth—most of whom perished."

Good will toward men. Above the hubbub of the mob which crowds the Church of the Nativity I hear, outside, the British high commissioner and his staff chanting:

"O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem—"

But they cannot come, because they are of the last race to be admitted to the holy places. Their Christmas Eve caroling in the courtyard outside the church is a special concession from the Orthodox Jews, descendants of the mob who cried, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" and from the Romans who did crucify Him and are now accused of crucifying Ethiopia. These are in complete possession of the birthplace of Christ.

The grave face of the high commissioner, Sir Arthur Wauchope, is visible as he stands on the stone steps under an iron hook, where, in past centuries, sacrificial lamps were hung.

QUIET ON THE HILLS

It is quiet on the hills outside Bethlehem, and the olive trees cast long shadows where I pause for a moment to be alone. Here, somewhere near me in the fields below, the shepherds watch their flocks as they did on that night when the angel appeared and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, fear not. For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Here on the hills you cannot see the cupid or the curiosity in the faces of the men gathered around the manger. You hear only the long, beautiful, exulting swell of prayers meaning a Christ is born.

Prayed in the moonlight against the skyline stands the hill where He spoke, saying: "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do."

H.M.S. PINAFORE DUE IN OTTAWA

Will Be Seen on Boxing Day When Amateur Operatics Return

OTTAWA, Dec. 24 (By Wireless).—Following an eclipse of many years amateur operatics have been resurrected in Ottawa. This week local enthusiasts will essay one of the most alluring of Gilbert and Sullivan's melodious comedies, "H.M.S. Pinafore."

This is being produced on Boxing Day, sponsored by the Little Theatre. On its results depends whether the capital's music lovers continue their activities in this line or relapse into more years of disappointed slumber.

ROMANCE LINGERS

In local circles the production is awaited with interest, for despite the vogue of the more sophisticated types of entertainment, the romance of the Old Savoy still lingers. The roles have been judiciously distributed among well-known Ottawa vocalists.

"Pinafore" is perhaps the most deliciously satirical of the late Sir W. S. Gilbert's numerous librettos, pillorying as it did the pompous and puritanical politician whose attainment to the exalted office of First Lord of the Admiralty was admittedly due to his ignorance of naval matters, joined to his subservience to party.

"I always voted at my party's call, And I never thought of thinking for myself at all."

INCOMPRABLE K.C.B.

So sings the incomparable "Sir Joseph Porter," who presided over the destinies of the Royal Navy and the morals of its personnel, while his honest counsel to the ambitious is:

"Stick close to your desks, and never go to sea, And you may all become the rulers of the Queen's Navy."

Famous artists who in the past have played this role include George Grossmith, who died in 1911 and of whom in its vaudeville Punch declared he:

"...brought so much whole-hearted joy to patrons of the Old Savoy."

Sir Henry Lytton, now retired, was the second Savoyard to play "Sir Joseph," succeeding George Grossmith, and continuing for many years.

Not Enough for Christmas Dinner

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24 (By Wireless).—Mrs. E. D. Hornbrook, who for twenty-six years gave an annual Christmas dinner for horses, has discontinued the practice. There are so few horses, now, she explained today, that she has decided to feed stray dogs, cats, birds and squirrels instead.

FORGETS TORPEDOES IN YULETIDE CANDY

PORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 24 (By Wireless).—John Vallion, coal miner of Panama, Colo., today crunched down hard on a piece of Christmas "candy."

An explosion sent him to the hospital with severe injuries to his mouth. He had forgotten that besides the Christmas candy he had bought other Southern Yuletide articles—torpedoes.

Assisted in Saanich Hamper Fund Drive



The Saanich Welfare Association Christmas hamper fund sent out 500 hampers to needy residents of the municipality this Christmas. In the above picture are shown those who assisted in work at headquarters, Scott Building. Thanks were extended yesterday by Reeve William Crouch, director of the drive, to all those who contributed.

Relates Grim Tale Of Heroic Battle Against Hardships

Dr. Margaret Owen Tells of Perilous Christmas Journey With Sick Woman, Accused Man and Body of Boy Frozen to Death

EDMONTON, Dec. 24 (By Wireless).—The story of a battle against 60-below weather, against death and sickness, to take out to civilization a sickly woman, an accused man, and the body of a boy frozen to death, was told by Dr. Margaret Owen today for the first time.

For a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer in search of an accused man, and for Dr. Owen, out to take an expectant mother to hospital, the perilous Christmas journey was accepted as routine and then forgotten. The sixty-mile journey from the town of Kotikewih, 400 miles north of here, to a place called Keg River, was uneventful. It was the return journey, through rolling country where occasional steep hills make the going difficult even in summer, that tried all their resources.

On one occasion the sleigh broke down and they were forced to walk eight miles to a cabin, a journey through three feet of snow that required seven hours.

They reached the cabin where the fair-haired physician in the Far North Alberta Government service was to find her patient only to learn a fifteen-year-old boy, one of five children, had gone out the day before to look at some traps and had not returned. They found his body frozen stiff, only a mile and a half from home.

That the father had to accompany the body to civilization meant the entire family had to be taken out. With them, in addition to the officer and the man he arrested at Keg River, was the mail freighter and his party, in all twelve people, with food intended for five.

Women and children were loaded into a sleigh called a "caboose," merely a sleigh on which a tent was pitched, where a stove was kept lighted, and where the forty-year-old physician prepared five meals a day for her patient, the children and the others.

The thermometer sank to 72 degrees below zero as they started out on the last lap of forty miles. One horse weakened and had to be shot, but they struggled on. It meant death to stop, Dr. Owen said.

They could not make more than a mile an hour. Every three or four miles they halted. A fire was built, the horses warmed, and they went on.

IN CLOUD OF FOG The horses were in a cloud of fog. The lead team was not visible from the sleigh, or the team behind it, fifteen feet back. All that day, that night and until past noon they traveled, making the forty miles in thirty-six hours.

That they lived to come through is something Dr. Owen cannot explain now. "It was a nightmare," she said. Only the valiant efforts of tiring, freezing horses kept them from perishing.

When the demonstration appeared as though it would spread to the shoe industry, Mayor LaBee and Rev. Geddes Sauvageau, parish priest, traveled to Quebec to discuss with Cardinal Villeneuve developments resulting from his order.

For answer the cardinal urged the mine workers to obey his order, which he said was given "in the best interests of the diocese and the workers themselves."

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"They last from a few seconds to more than a minute and have come at the rate of fifteen or twenty in a single day," said Mr. Saums. "I think the ground on which my cabin is built must be hollow for the cabin seems to lift right up in the air when the quakes come. And from the sound of the rumblings I believe the ground on each side is hollow, too."

EXCHANGE IS ROBBERY ADA, Okla.—A man selected an overcoat and in the absence of a busy clerk departed, leaving his old coat instead. In it was found his name and address.

BABIES PLAY MANY PRANKS

Quintuplets' Nursery Furnished With Shatter-Proof Glass for Safety

CALLANDER, Ont., Dec. 24 (By Wireless).—Now the Dionne quintuplets have taken to switching on lights in the middle of the night, forcing Dr. Allan Roy Dafeo, their physician and guardian, to make another change in their nursery before they celebrate Christmas.

First he introduced unbreakable dishes when the children had smashed several dozen plates and saucers by tossing them on the floor. Today workmen completed installation of shatter-proof automobile glass in the nursery. The girls had broken twenty-five windows in two months, mostly by throwing alphabet blocks through them.

MIDNIGHT PARTIES When the glazers finished the latest defence against the quint's pitching arms, electricians set to work moving the electric light switch to prevent recurrence of the midnight parties the babies have been staging lately.

Perhaps she was looking for Santa Claus when Yvonne, always the most venturesome of the five, woke up the other night and, standing in her bed below the light switch, reached up and turned it. The nursery was flooded with light, Angelle, Cecile, Emilie and Marie opened their eyes and the fun was on.

Nurse Yvonne Leroux heard them giggle and then try to climb out of their beds. She put a stop to all that and the next night Yvonne was moved to another bed away from the switch and Cecile took her place.

FINDS THE SWITCH It was 4 o'clock in the morning before Cecile turned on the lights. The nurses suspect Yvonne put her up to it. The same performance was gone through again and this time the bed was moved far away from the switch.

Dr. Dafeo preferred its original position so the switch was moved today while Dr. Dafeo and the nurses wondered what prank the eighteen-month-old babies would stage next.

Perhaps they will be better behaved Christmas Day when Olivia and Elzire Dionne, their parents, and the five older Dionne children join them in a dinner at the Dafeo Hospital.

WOULD NOT HEED PRIEST For once the syndicate would not harken to the word of Father Gravel. He told the members he submitted cheerfully to the transfer order of Cardinal Villeneuve and they should do likewise. They would not then hear of it. They quit work and paraded to the station more than 1,200 strong to cheer the priest as he left to assume his duties.

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"They last from a few seconds to more than a minute and have come at the rate of fifteen or twenty in a single day," said Mr. Saums. "I think the ground on which my cabin is built must be hollow for the cabin seems to lift right up in the air when the quakes come. And from the sound of the rumblings I believe the ground on each side is hollow, too."

EXCHANGE IS ROBBERY ADA, Okla.—A man selected an overcoat and in the absence of a busy clerk departed, leaving his old coat instead. In it was found his name and address.

Beautiful Murals Will Be Placed in Dome at Buildings

Four Decorative Paintings Depicting Major Industries Are Nearing Completion—Work of George H. Southwell—Will Greatly Enhance Block

TWO of the set of four murals for the dome of the Parliament Buildings from the talented brush of George H. Southwell have been set up in the old Armouries on Menzies Street, for the inspection of the Cabinet, and to permit the artist to make the finishing touches to the work.

TIGHTENING LOOPHOLES

British Conversations Aimed at Preparedness Are Regarded as Satisfactory

LONDON, Dec. 24 (By Wireless).—Great Britain pursued its policy of preparedness in the Hala-Ethiopian conflict today, authoritative sources disclosing after conclusion of "satisfactory" conversations between the British and French general military and naval staffs that similar contacts were being made in other important capitals.

Tightening all loopholes in the Mediterranean against any possibility of an Italian attack on nations applying sanctions, it was learned, the British Government doubled through the military and naval attaches at the various capitals information concerning the readiness of the other countries to act.

With Anthony Eden formally taking up his duties as Foreign Secretary, the Government designed its actions to bring into solid, practical form the present abstract status of mutual support under the Covenant of the League of Nations.

Discussion of an extension of sanctions against Italy, for its invasion of Ethiopia, was quieted amid the defence preparations.

Eden was expected generally to proceed cautiously for the present, to avert fresh uncertainties. Any definite action for imposition of further penalties on Italy, therefore, was expected to be delayed at least until late January.

MAY BE FORCED TO ACT By then, responsible sources believed, Premier Mussolini would be forced to act—either for peace or further war—by the pressure of sanctions and the approaching African rains.

As part of the preparations for mutual assistance Turkey was reported in Paris advice to be asking France's consent to fortification of the Dardanelles, between Europe and Asiatic Turkey, which were demilitarized after the Great War.

French officials indicated that nation was little inclined to support Turkey's reported fortification request because it would involve the controversial question of treaty revision.

INTERNAL COMPLICATIONS French sources also said Spain had delayed its reply to British soundings because of internal complications.

Madrid advice, however, said a treaty was reported under consideration by the Spanish and Portuguese Governments, interpreted by informed sources as a mutual defence move.

The treaty reported under consideration would provide for mutual Spanish-Portuguese defence, if either should be threatened with invasion, and Spain would join Portugal in accepting, to a lesser degree, British aid in any Mediterranean clash.

Venezuelans Flee To Dutch Indies WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dutch West Indies, Dec. 24 (By Wireless).—Scores of Venezuelan refugees, arriving here aboard a Venezuelan warship, reported tonight the death of about 150 persons in Maracaibo and other lake ports as the result of disorders following upon the death last week of the dictator-president, Juan Vicente Gomez.

HONOLULU, Dec. 24 (By Wireless).—One hundred 600-pound bombs were transferred to Hilo Airport today for use in a projected bombardment to save Hilo's water supply from Mauna Loa's flaming lava.

Colonel Daniel Van Voorhies, chief of staff, said army officers, following a conference with Thomas A. Jagger, Government volcano expert, had recommended bombing the liquid rock streams Friday in an effort to divert their flow. Jagger is to select the place where the bombs are to be dropped.

Mauna Loa has been in eruption more than a month. Last Thursday the flow of lava from a great rift in the mountain increased in volume, coursed down the slopes and spread into an area two miles square forming a lake about ten feet deep. Two streams of lava sprang from this lake, one flowing toward the Waikuku River, source of Hilo's water supply.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

When placed in position, the murals will add immensely to the interior attractiveness of the Parliament Buildings, and will reflect credit not only upon the artist but upon Premier Pattullo and the Government generally. Permanent in character, the paintings will be of great value from a tourist standpoint, and will be generally appreciated by the public as an evidence of the manner in which the Government is endeavoring to augment the beauties of the capital building and surroundings.

The painting of the murals was a most difficult task, as it was impossible to do the work—upon the double curving walls of the dome itself. This double curvature had to be carefully studied and the varying points of perspective correlated in arranging the design.

SPLENDID ARTISTRY Strong in treatment, rich in color and true to the character of British Columbia, the murals have been executed upon a high standard of artistic ability.

The four murals painted by Mr. Southwell in the octagonal rotunda on the ground floor, the gift to the Province of Colonel S. L. Howe several years ago, have attracted a great deal of favorable attention. A distinguished French mural painter, last year, while on a tour of the continent, declared that they were the best that he had seen in America. The new paintings in the dome will complete the attractiveness of that portion of the buildings.—B.A.M.

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thirty miles east of Shanghai, where buses were waiting to make the return trip. Many students refused to leave the trains.

At the station, where thousands of shouting and singing students greeted their way past barbed wire and police cordons to reinforce colleagues who had seized the depot on Monday, the situation for a time took on a menacing aspect.

Police, who had struggled apparently unarmed with the students, suddenly displayed machine guns and clubs. Serious incidents were narrowly averted.

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Not Enough for Christmas Dinner KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24 (By Wireless).—Mrs. E. D. Hornbrook, who for twenty-six years gave an annual Christmas dinner for horses, has discontinued the practice. There are so few horses, now, she explained today, that she has decided to feed stray dogs, cats, birds and squirrels instead.

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Church of Rome an Advocate of Peace Down the Centuries

Bishop J. H. MacDonald, Preaching at Midnight Pontifical High Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Stresses Thought of Good Will on Earth

WITH all the traditional ceremony of the Roman Catholic Church, midnight Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at St. Andrew's Cathedral last night in the presence of a congregation that filled every corner of the edifice.

Most impressive in a service that was impressive in every detail was the sermon preached by the Bishop, Most Rev. John Hugh MacDonald, who, speaking on the text, "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will," indicated some of the outstanding instances in the history of the Church of Rome where it had declared for the principles of peace as opposed to military power and warfare, and upheld the teachings of Christ as being for love between nations and among all mankind.

ASPECTS OF PEACE

Bishop MacDonald first dealt with the meaning of peace in the proper sense of the word. Without a true understanding of the term, peace could not be realized; peace with oneself, particularly as the testimony of a clear conscience; peace with one's neighbors; peace with God.

There was much lack of peace in the world today, not only in the sense that there was war in the world, but in the sense that mankind and whole nations were laboring under a cloud of fear, worry and anxiety.

Bishop MacDonald spoke of the efforts of the Catholic Church down the centuries to promote peace, efforts that, His Lordship maintained, had been misunderstood in many parts of the world. First of those quoted was the message sent by Pope Paul III to the Archbishop of Toledo, Spain, reminding him that in the case of the Indians whose country had but recently been discovered at that time, or in the case of any other peoples discovered by Catholics, the liberty and professions of such peoples should not be taken away from them.

MANY OTHERS

This was but one declaration of hundreds made by the Church of Rome to show that a war of conquest was not in harmony with the teachings of Christ. In 1892 Pope Leo XIII made a pronouncement to the effect that civilization based on bayonets could not last. In 1896 Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, Cardinal Vaughan, of London, England, and Cardinal Logue, of Ireland, proposed the formation of a World Court of Arbitration to which all countries of the world could refer disputes for settlement.

Again, in 1917, Pope Benedict XV proposed the very same thing. Then the League of Nations was formed. But in 1915, when the Secret Pact of London was signed between England, France and Italy, it had been decided that the Pope would be excluded from all peace deliberations following the war. So when the League of Nations was formed the Pope was excluded.

These and similar incidents were mentioned as being some of the things that made it difficult for the church to get its teachings listened to. And if there was this difficulty in getting even a hearing, how much less likely was it that the teachings would be accepted by the nations of Europe.

IRRELIGIOUS FASCISM

Many people seemed surprised that present-day Italy would not listen to the teaching of the church in respect of war and peace or any other thing, said His Lordship. But it was pointed out, under Fascism the education of the present-day Italian children from their tenderest years onwards had been out of the hands of the church. The London Times of a few months ago had pointed out that all soldiers drawn to the colors at the beginning of the war with Ethiopia were boys of only eight or ten years of age when the Fascists took control of Italy, and during all the years of their education under Fascism the Sundays, with the exception perhaps of a short attendance at Mass, had been given over to military exercises.

This training under Fascism as under Hitlerism and under Communism gave the young citizens such a completely different viewpoint, such a completely different language from that which they would have had under the church that the term peace was hardly understood by them. Equally, their mentality would be developed along lines that would be quite unable to understand the teachings of Christ.

CELEBRATES MASS

Wearing his pontifical robes, all the outer vestments of which, including the chasuble and mitre, are of gold, and the soutane (worn under the chasuble) of crimson, the

Tree From Nova Scotia



The first touch of Christmas was given to the executive mansion of President Roosevelt in Washington when Christmas trees, brought from the forests of Nova Scotia, were set out on the front portico of the White House and decorated for the Yuletide season.

Bishop celebrated Pontifical High Mass, assisted by the Cathedral clergy, Rev. Father Gaudette and Rev. Father Albury as deacon and sub-deacon were also in very rich vestments, almost identical with those of the Bishop.

A colorful procession, in which about forty clergy, altar boys and laymen took part, opened the impressive midnight services, a cross-bearer in soutane and surplice leading the procession as it moved from the sacristy down the side aisle, and thence up the middle aisle to the sanctuary. The "Adeste Fideles" was sung during the procession.

Other details in the two-hour-long service included the singing by the choir, directed by A. Cowden, and with Miss Marguerite McKay at the organ, of Dr. Stewart's Mass in B Minor.

The Proper of the Mass was the traditional Gregorian, and, during the vesting of the Bishop, Mme. Griffith sang the "Minut Chretien." Eric Moir sang "Gesu Bambino." The soloists of the Mass were Miss Vivian Colbert and Mrs. K. Lavelle.

Not Chivalrous But Gentlemanly

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24 (P.)—Fred Stanley, forty-five-year-old salesman, was before the court on a battery charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGinty—she with a discolored eye—were complaining witnesses. "I'm too chivalrous to hit a woman," protested Stanley. "But if she said I did, I'm too much of a gentleman to contradict her." He was fined \$100.

AWAIT NEWS OF AVIATOR

Wife and Mother of Hollick-Kenyon Confident Pilot Safe in Antarctic

EWING'S LANDING, B.C., Dec. 24 (P.)—Preparations for Christmas, tinged with anxiety for the safety of a missing loved one, went on today in a little farm home near this Okanagan Valley town as the family of Herbert Hollick-Kenyon made ready for tomorrow's celebrations while the Canadian flyer remained unreported somewhere in the icy wastes of the Antarctic.

For the flyer's two children, nine-year-old Mary Lea and six-year-old Timothy, tomorrow will be a regular Christmas except for the fact that "Daddy won't be there." To his wife and mother it will be another day without word of the husband-son who disappeared while on a flight of exploration with Lincoln Ellsworth.

MAKING CLOSE STUDY

But the mother, Mrs. A. H. Kenyon, and her daughter-in-law are far from believing the flyer is dead. They pore over maps and charts of the icy southern wastes as they seek a probable explanation of where Hollick-Kenyon came down. Ever since the disappearance of the flying explorer the two women have ransacked libraries in the district for every book on previous flights and descriptions of the Antarctic country.

"It's very likely," said the mother, "that his radio went out of commission and they were forced down. In which case nothing will be heard of them until they are rescued."

HAVE EVERY FAITH

"We have every faith in Herbert's ability to get out of tight spots. He's done it before. If nothing is heard of him at the end of a year, well," an expressive look at the younger woman, then both turned resolutely back to the work of Christmas for Mary Lea and Timothy.

WORK STARTED ON GRANDSTAND

Macdonald Park Will Be Finest Playfield in the Dominion

Work was started yesterday on the construction of the Macdonald Park grandstand, it was announced at the City Hall.

Excavation was started in preparation for the pouring of cement for the footings.

Work on the grandstand is expected to have progressed sufficiently to accommodate a crowd of 1,200 persons in time for the big Rugby game on January 29, between the Victoria All-Stars and the New Zealand All-Blacks.

When the grandstand is finally completed, including plumbing and sanitary conveniences, Macdonald Park will be one of the finest playing fields in the Dominion, civic officials contend.

A chorus girl introduced her young man to another chorus girl, with the result that he transferred his affections. The aggrieved girl gave her rival a piece of her mind in a letter, which read: "You heartless creature—You knew very well we had been going about together for six months. Wait till I lay my hands on you, you good-for-nothing bleached blonde. I'll scratch your face, pull your hair, and throw acid on you. Yours truly, C. N. P.S.—Please excuse pencil."

PEACE SCHOOLS PLAN DEFENDED

Majority of District in Favor of System, Says Provincial Department

Explaining what occurred in connection with consolidation of Peace River schools, the British Columbia Department of Education issued the following statement yesterday as to objections raised by minority groups in the area:

"At 2 o'clock on December 14 a genuine mass meeting consisting of more than 200 ratepayers from districts north of the river had assembled to hear Dr. Plenderleith, inspector of schools, explain the new system of school administration."

"It will be recalled that on November 9 a small group of ratepayers representing less than 1 per cent of the people in the Peace River Consolidated School district met at Baldonnel and threatened to keep their children from school if the Department of Education did not grant their demands for the return of the local school board's power to spend money."

"Dr. Plenderleith gave a detailed description of the origin, development and advantages of the larger unit of administration."

SAY PLAN FAVORED

"At the conclusion of Dr. Plenderleith's explanation, Mr. Hoffstrom moved that this representative group of ratepayers from the Taylor, Peace View and Baldonnel School districts assure the Department of Education of their fullest co-operation in the carrying out of the new school system. The vote was carried in a ratio of three to one in favor of the larger unit of administration."

"Since the criticism of the new system was raised by the small group from Baldonnel, the superintendent and Minister of Education have received dozens of letters from individuals and associations of the Peace River district in praise of the efficiency and added advantages of the larger unit of administration," the statement concluded.

ENJOYED CHRISTMAS IN MANY COUNTRIES

An interesting visitor at the Empress is Miss Blanche Wenner, of Seattle, who is a well known traveling teacher and lecturer. She has seen Christmas at Victoria Falls in Africa when the gold and copper miners of Rhodesia came in for the celebrations, on a copra schooner in South Seas, and many other strange places and lands.

She knows England, county by county; has spent months in the Antipodes, and flown across many of the continents of the world, including South America, as an enthusiastic passenger.

Her mother, Mrs. John Scott Noble, also of Seattle, is with her. Mrs. Noble is a friend of and was entertained by J. Norman Hall, author of the book, "Mutiny on the Bounty in Tahiti." She, also, is a traveler.

Miss Wenner lectures for many clubs on the Pacific Coast, and is fulfilling a long cherished hope in coming to Victoria for the festivals.

Little Peter, aged five, had been receiving a lesson on politeness. "And remember," said his father, "when you are in a tramcar and a lady comes in, and can't get a seat, you must jump up and say, 'Take my seat.'"

A few days afterwards they were in a tramcar, and it was very crowded. Peter sat on his father's knee. People were filling in, and as a pretty young lady approached, up jumped Peter.

"Take my seat!" he said.

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FEUD LEADS TO SLAYING

New Mexico Teacher Kills State Officer Then Takes Own Life

LAS CRUCES, N.M., Dec. 24 (P.)—A long smouldering feud between a state officer and a leading faculty member of the new Mexico City College burst into gunfire today and left two fatalities to face a tragic Christmas.

F. E. Oakes, forty, director of the State Department of Feud and Penitentiary, was shot to death as he stepped from his automobile at the state college campus.

There were no witnesses, but a coroner's jury established his slayer as W. A. Stone, thirty-eight, assistant professor of mathematics, whose body was found a half-mile away, a bullet through his brain.

SHOT THREE TIMES

Stone, the inquest disclosed, shot Oakes three times; rushed to the home of another faculty member, crushed a note into his hand, and then sped a half-mile from the college campus where he shot himself in the head.

J. W. Branson, head of the mathematics department, to whom Stone had taken the typed note explaining why he shot the state officer, testified Stone exchanged a few words with him and then left abruptly.

Branson followed, arriving at the parked car a moment after Stone died from the self-inflicted bullet.

Officers said animosity had existed between the two men, but refused to enlarge upon the statement.

The district attorney took possession of the Stone note, but declined to disclose its contents "at present."

President Hugh M. Gardner, of the state college, said Stone's wife had worked in Oakes' office, but left her position last September.

"The full story will never be told," the college president said. "Both men are dead."

GOVERNMENT IN HOLIDAY MOOD

Premier and Cabinet Ministers Receive Civil Service Staffs

Premier Pattullo and all members of his Cabinet were on hand yesterday to receive civil service staffs on the eve of the Christmas holidays. Hon. Dr. G. M. Weir returned during the day from the East, bringing the provincial executive back to full strength.

Premier Pattullo received calls in his office from seniors in the service and members of his own staff, both as Premier and Minister of Railways.

Each member of the Cabinet, likewise received departmental staffs and a continuous succession of callers during the day.

Today and tomorrow the Legislative Buildings and provincial offices will remain closed.

IS GAY SCENE

Decorated with lights, the Legislative Buildings made an imposing picture for holiday crowds as they thronged the streets on Christmas Eve.

The Buildings will be illuminated again tonight and tomorrow night, forming, with the Empress Hotel and Postoffice an impressive avenue of approach to the city for boat passengers.

This afternoon, between 1:32 and 1:35 p.m., a Victoria foursome lead by the Premier will play golf at Oak Bay, in proceedings to be broadcast on a Canadian radio chain for three minutes.

GENERAL WAREHOUSE PRESENTS AWARDS TO WINNERS OF CONTEST

The contest conducted by The General Warehouse, Limited, from their two stores closed late last night and two local residents were richer by handsome prizes when the final count was made of the number of beans in the jars displayed. Many and varied were the numbers given, for there were over 26,000 entries and the estimates ranged from 12 to 1,400,023 in numbers.

The winners were as follows: At the Douglas Street Store, Phil Raymond, 1727 Haultain Street, was awarded a radio with an estimate of 2,268, the jar containing 2,262. At the Government Street store the winner was Mrs. Pearl Stevenson, 566 Michigan Street, with an estimate of 1,870 beans in a jar containing 1,869.

THRUST AIMED AT NOVELISTS

Kipling's "The Rhyme of Three Captains" Levelled For a Purpose

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (P.)—Most Kipling followers who have read "The Rhyme of the Three Captains" know it only as a lively and vigorous ballad of the sea. In Lewis Gannett's Herald-Tribune column, John S. Phillips reveals the poem as a bitter satire on what Kipling believed to be the pirating of his work; and on three great British novelists who came to the defence of the United States publishing house against which the bard's attack was directed.

Phillips in 1890 had charge of the S. S. McClure Syndicate's London affairs. In that year, he writes, Harper & Brothers published without authorization a number of Kipling stories. No copyright agreement existed between the United States and Britain, Harpers sent the twenty-five-year-old author a draft as honorarium, and he promptly sent it back. A battle of words ensued in The Athenaeum, climaxed by a joint letter from Walter Besant, Thomas Hardy and William Black, which said they had published with Harpers for years and had been treated generously.

SO KIPLING WROTE

So Kipling wrote his "Rhyme of the Three Captains":

One was Admiral of the North from Solway Firth to Skye, And one was Lord of the Wessex Coast and all the lands thereby;

And one was Master of the Thames from Limehouse to Blackwall And he was Captain of the Fleet—the bravest of them all.

Along came a "certain trading brig" with news of a privateer which had taken the "dammer and spice" the traders' skipper had won beyond the seas.

"I ha' paid Port dues for your Law," quoth he, "and where is the law ye boast If I sail unscathed from a heathen port to be robbed on a Christian coast?"

The captains told him courteously they had dealt with the "lime-washed Yankee brig" before his teeth were cut; the Yankee's trade was fair, and "we know that he weeps for lack of a law as he rides off Finisterre."

THAT WAS THAT

So that was that. Throughout the rolling lines Kipling preserved the allegory with remarkable fidelity. His own origins in India came out in reference to the cargo—"he has taken my grinning heathen gods"—and the fact the trader's captain had sailed from a heathen port "to be robbed on a Christian coast." So perfect was it that in the edition of Kipling's poems a prefatory note said: "This ballad

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appears to refer to one of the exploits of the notorious Paul Jones. Besant, Hardy and Black, as their prominence indicated, were "ships of the line." Pirates didn't bother them. "Did you ever hear," Kipling asked, "of a Yankee brig that rifled a seventy-three?" Perhaps the incident had something to do with the writing fervor that shortly was to put the young colonial in the front rank, quite able to deal with privateering brigs on his own account.

It's foreshadowed free, with her head to the sea and the swing of the unbought brine— We'll make no sport in an English court till we come as a ship of the line.

TWO ACCIDENTS ON ICY HIGHWAY

Six Persons Injured in Car Smashes on Road Near Ellensburg

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Dec. 24 (P.)—Sleet that turned paved roads in this area into lanes of sheet ice caused two automobile accidents on the Sunset Highway today, injuring six persons.

Four persons were injured as a car driven by Ray Bennett, Darrington, Wash., skidded into the machine of George Hill, Seattle, parked on the Sunset Highway three miles west of Cle Elum. Wilma Park and Miss H. Berr, both of Seattle, occupants of Hill's car, received severe cuts and bruises. Miss Berr is a nurse in the Providence Hospital, Seattle. Hill also was severely cut and bruised.

CAR AND TRUCK COLLIDE

In the other accident a car driven by Dr. F. W. Jones, Bremerton, and an oil transport company truck, driven by H. Paris, Ellensburg, collided head-on between Easton and Cle Elum. Dr. Jones' twin daughters, Colivia and Olive, were injured, the former receiving severe cuts about the head. Mrs. Jones suffered from shock. Dr. Jones is at the Cle Elum Hospital. Dr. Jones is aiding hospital physicians in treating them.

State patrolmen reported icy pavements make driving hazardous from the summit of the Cascades to points east of Yakima.

SUSTAINS INJURED SCALP IN MISHAP

Suffering from a scalp wound and concussion, R. Walker, 2310 Wark Street, was taken to the Jubilee Hospital at 7:30 o'clock last evening by Constables Peris Atkinson and L. Callan after an accident near the corner of Yates and Blanshard Streets.

Police report Mr. Walker was crossing Yates Street when he collided with an automobile driven by J. D. Leclerc, 226 Westing Road, Saanich. Mr. Walker was attended by Dr. J. H. Moore.

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CHRISTMAS

A definition once given of what Christmas means is that it is the perihelion of Love's orbit. It is the recurring point in human experience when heaven seems nearer to earth than at any other time. Just as the perihelion is that point in the earth's elliptical orbit around the sun when it is nearest to the heavenly orb, so Christmas brings a warmth of heart when goodness, kindness and unselfishness are shown as at no other period, when there is a spirit of generosity and forgiveness exhibited and when there is a something that is contagious, that grips the individual and gives a feeling of closer kinship all around. All mankind is nearer the sun of humanity on this festival. Hearts are warmer, little joys far-fetched, the amenities of good will are more superabundant. You must catch the Christmas spirit whether you will or not, and the reason is because you are a little nearer to God.

Christmas is always a tonic, even for those who believe that they are fighting a losing battle in life. It, more than any festival of the Christian faith, through its great tidings, has brought down the centuries the strength that enables so many to bear their burdens, the inspiration that may glorify earthly labors, the poise for harassed souls. It cradles anew in the human heart, just as the lowly manger at Bethlehem cradled the Hope of Humanity, the eternal and the inexhaustible. It is mankind's annual expression of the transforming love spirit of the Father. That is why it halows the home and transfigures faces, why there is so widespread a disposition on every hand to consecrate both self and pocketbook to the loving service of others. Back of it all, unknown to so many the Christmas spirit is inspired by that which puts first things first, which puts the doing for the joy of it before the symbol, and Christ before Santa Claus.

The perfect Christmas is a foretaste of the millennium. It foreshadows a time when sorrows will be mitigated, when misery will be assuaged, when enmity, jealousies and bitterness will be buried, never to be renewed. As such a foretaste this era of festivity is of immeasurable blessing to the world. It breaks the crust of human selfishness; it opens the springs of kindness; it makes life a little brighter and a little sweeter all around; it brings the human heart a little nearer to what all might well wish it could be. There is a greater truth in the lesson of the festival than in all that is being sought for through philosophy, art, science and the study of history, for it goes closer to the fashioning of human personality. It puts in the heart by the simplest of processes the solution of the riddle of man's relation to the Universe.

Soren Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher and theologian, has a religion which is not that of Christ. He is reputed to be exercising a profound influence on religious thought in Europe and it is because, whether he knows it or not, he is calling upon men to repent of all unbelief, and in this respect echoing the message of John the Baptist. If Christmas is the perihelion of Love's orbit then Soren Kierkegaard, more than any modern writer, has been able to tell better what Love means. He is a philosopher who has been through the fires of suffering. He has a tragic, personal story. His experiences have left his judgment of morality undisturbed in its broad outlook. In his definition of what love means he might well have been outlining what lies at the base of the Christian conception of Christmas, typified by the story of the Magi, of the shepherds, of the choir of angels, all centered round that stable of Bethlehem wherein the Son of God lay. Here is what he says of Love:

"What is it that makes a man strong, stronger than the whole world? What is it that makes him weak, weaker than a child? What is it that makes a man unshakable, more unshakable than the rock? What is it that makes him soft, softer than wax? It is love. What is it that is older than everything? It is love. What is it that survives everything? It is love. What is it that cannot be taken, but takes everything? It is love. What is it that cannot be given, but gives everything? It is love. What is it that stands when everything falls? It is love. What is it that comforts when everything slips away? It is love. What is it that endures when everything changes? It is love. What is it that does not cease when visions discontinue? It is love. What is it that remains when what is imperfect is done away? It is love. What is it that testifies when prophecies are dumb? It is love. What is it that explains when dark talk ends? It is love. What is it that blesses with overflowing gifts? It is love. What is it that makes the talk of the simple wisdom? It is love. What is it that never changes when all changes? It is love, and only that is love which never comes anything else."

It is God who is the spirit incarnate of Love and Christmas is the assurance of God's fellowship with men. Among world religions Christianity, more than any other, can claim Love as its distinctive gift. This festival commemorates the beginning of that Epic Life on earth which saw its crowning achievement on Calvary in the expression that "greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." That was the greatest sacrifice that Love could make; it was the revelation that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." The power of Love which was transmitted to humanity at Bethlehem calls, in the religious sense, for worship and adoration. The thoughts go back to the world's Saviour, as One who can redeem men from their sins and discontents, who can bring peace instead of division, to One who speaks to the common heart of humanity.

It is the part of wisdom in all who would get the best out of life to see to it that nothing is lost of the grace of Christmas, and of its message of both human and Divine Love. The season is one of joy and friendliness. There is a rekindling of affection in the reunion of the family circle.

there is the charity that bids us take care of the poor. Above all there must be the memory that behind the laughter, the fun and the good fellowship there is a Divine act, one that is operative for ever through the centuries. It is that act that has made Christmas what it is, that the whole family of mankind has a membership of the same Spirit, that all are brothers and sisters in the family of the Divine Love. So all touch at this season of the year the perihelion of Love's orbit, and

Welcome all wonders in one sight, Eternity shut in a span, Summer and Winter, day in night, Heaven in earth and God in man, Great Little One, whose all-embracing birth Lifts earth to heaven, stoops heaven to earth.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry!
And the stars rain the fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!
In the light of that star
Lie the ages imperiled;
And the song from afar
Has swept over the world.
Every heart is aflame, and the beautiful sing
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is King.

We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
That comes down through the night
From the heavenly throng.
Aye! we shout to the lowly evangel they bring,
And we greet in His cradle our Saviour and King.
—J. G. Holland.

THE DAY'S PURPOSE

When, at the end of each day's round,
We count the tally of the hours,
May on the record then be found
A rightful use of all our powers.
Conscience that's free from any shame:
Knowledge that through the day we tried
To play our part in Life's great game
In ways we have no need to hide.

That fearless all men's eyes we meet;
Knowing we have not broken trust:
That none can charge us with deceit,
Or speak untrue, or acts unjust.
That we perform each job of work
As though our chief were there to see:
Nor did the hard things try to shirk,
Nor stained the name of loyalty.
Though triumph may not fill our day,
This is the final act:
When evening comes, if we can say
To our own hearts, "We did our best."
And if that best did not succeed,
May we our will and purpose bend
To prove next day we're of the breed
That keeps on trying to the end.
—W. J. King.

PLEA FOR STILLNESS

Oh, may no sound corrupt this silence!
Let no small word
Alter for us this splendid stillness,
Dreamers have heard.
Earth turning on her ancient axis,
Planets in space
Moving in solemn, lovely rhythm,
Here in this place.
Silence will make us heirs of wisdom,
Stars are our friends,
Dawn will behold us still enchanted,
When this night ends.
Then let our eager lips be quiet,
Only our eyes
Speak what the tongue can never utter.
Let us be wise.
—Ralph Friedrich, in The Lyric.

HOPE

Take heart of hope. A friend is near
To help uplift and cheer to cheer
Sweet gifts of love someone may send—
There's aye a faithful friend.
Take heart of hope. The clouds will break;
At early morn the birds will wake;
The note of peace someone may send—
There's aye a faithful friend.
Take heart of hope. Still see the light;
The golden morn succeeds the night;
True love will last until the end—
There's aye a faithful friend.
—A. Simpson.

Never let man imagine that he can pursue a good end by evil means, without sinning against his own soul. Any other issue is doubtful; the evil effect on himself is certain.—Southey.

The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 7:00 p.m., December 24, 1935.

SYNOPSIS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS
A severe ocean storm is approaching this Coast, and unsettled weather with heavy rains on the Coast, and snow in the Interior, is becoming general in this province.

Intense cold extends from the Rockies to Manitoba. (Precipitation for twelve hours to 5:00 p.m.; temperatures for twenty-four hours.)

	Snow	Rain	Min.	Max.
Victoria	—	23	43	48
Nanaimo	—	23	42	47
Vancouver	—	72	40	50
Kamloops	2.00	—	28	32
Prince George	2.00	—	14	20
Estevan Point	—	1.82	46	50
Prince Rupert	—	42	28	42
Atlin	—	—	—	—
Dawson	—	—	16b	14b
Seattle	—	46	42	46
Portland	—	32	36	38
San Francisco	—	46	56	—
Spokane	—	—	26	34
Los Angeles	—	—	50	—
Penticton	—	23	—	—
Vernon	—	26	—	—
Grand Forks	—	20	28	—
Nelson	1.00	—	21	31
Kaslo	—	24	—	—
Cranbrook	—	15	27	—
Calgary	—	4b	0	—
Edmonton	—	20b	6b	—
Swift Current	—	18b	8b	—
Prince Albert	—	18b	2b	—
Saskatoon	—	24b	16b	—
Qu'Appelle	—	22b	6b	—
Winnipeg	—	8b	24b	—
Moose Jaw	—	14b	4b	—
Monday	—	—	—	—
Toronto	—	—	4	18
Ottawa	—	—	6b	10
Montreal	—	—	2b	10
Saint John	—	—	6	20
Halifax	—	—	16	20

TUESDAY
Minimum—43
Maximum—48
Average—45
Minimum on the grass—41
Weather, cloudy.

5:00 P.M. WEATHER REPORTS
Victoria—Barometer, 29.92; wind, SE, 16 miles; cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.96; wind, E, 4 miles; raining.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.24; calm; cloudy.
Prince George—Barometer, 30.04; wind, NE, 12 miles; snowing.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.80; wind, N, 4 miles; raining.
Estevan Point—Barometer, 29.70; wind, SE, 18 miles; raining.
Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.84; wind, S, 32 miles; raining.
Portland—Barometer, 30.12; calm; cloudy.
Seattle—Barometer, 30.02; wind, SE, 4 miles; cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.16; wind, NW, 4 miles; cloudy.

Note and Comment

By E. B. D.

Mark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King.

The time has come again—perhaps it is a misfortune that the time comes but once a year—to talk of other things. For a whole year we have been talking about many things, mostly of things that are of no consequence, as Mr. Toole used to stutter. So today we have been enjoined to talk about things of major importance. The Herald Angels not only proclaimed the advent of a King. They advocated peace on earth and good will towards men. They did that two thousand years ago, but today there is not peace on earth, and we fear but little good will towards men. Not that there are not men of good will in many high places, men who desire peace and are doing all in their power to maintain good will, but there are also selfish and ambitious men who lust for power regardless of consequences.

Such is the international situation on the morning of the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace and the song of the herald angels. The national situation is not so depressing. There is peace within the borders of nearly all the nations of the world, and there is at least a measure of tranquility within the boundaries of Canada and of the whole of the nations of the Empire. If there should be trouble, it will not be of our making and should not be our responsibility.

We are in a conciliatory state of mind this morning because on the evening of the last Sabbath day there were sounds of sweet music coming through the air from almost all quarters of the world except Italy, where unfortunately the minds of the people are filled with thoughts and hopes of quite different things. And, alas! when in a normal state of mind the Italians are such a musical people. The music we heard coming through the ether was nearly all expressive of the Christmas spirit.

Someone has said "there is no musical instrument like the human voice. If we dare say it without giving offence, we might venture to say that no sound is so sweet to the ear as the music of the voices of young boys singing Christmas carols. Oh, those old hymns and songs, what memories of the happy days of long ago they recall, and what poignant memories of the youths and maidens who used to sing them. Talk about the old familiar faces, but think of the effects upon the emotions of the old familiar airs and music. Someone else has said, "You may forget the singer, but you will not forget the song." It is the song which arouses memories of the singer.

If in a proper state of mind, it is possible that this is the anniversary of the day when God and sinners were permanently reconciled; but the miracle of reconciliation of sinners with one another is not so apparent. But we shall leave that matter for the consideration of the professors of the far from exact science of psychology. This morning it is our business to be conciliatory in our expressions towards all mankind, regardless of race and creed; to confess that possibly we have been too censorious of the actions of our immediate and remote neighbors; that as there is good in everything, even if the fact is not always apparent, so there may be some final justification for the actions of our political opponents as well as reason for commendation of the conduct of our political friends.

So while wishing all our friends and readers, both critical and commendatory, a happy Christmas and a reasonable accompaniment of merriment, we must not omit from the list our special political friend, Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada. Mr. King is not naturally a jolly or jocular disposition, but he means well and undoubtedly is a loyal Canadian and has the best interests of the country reposing right down at the bottom of his heart. He has promised the people that by removing restrictions from international trade he will restore prosperity—what was on the way before he was elected to power. If he can do that we shall rejoice with him, for what does it matter to the individual Canadian who shall be the instrument of restoration so long as the brooding cloud of depression be dispelled and the sun of prosperity shine upon a happy and contented people.

Although it may be a contradiction of the calendar, we have reached the end of another solar year. May the end of the year be the beginning of the end of all our business tribulations of all our friends (again including that of Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King), be as free from earthly care as that of the Dionne quintuplets. Can anyone of you think of a better wish than that? If we cannot have peace on earth, we can have conciliatory sentiments regarding our fellowmen.

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FASTED UNTIL DEATH
RANGOON, India (C)—Sayadaw Narada, presiding monk at the Thin-Naung-Chang monastery in Paung, bed-ridden for more than a month, died recently. During his illness he took neither food nor water and devoted himself to meditation.

SOCIAL CREDIT
Sir—Your article on Lord Tavistock's address on Social Credit at the Albert Hall deserves a pat on the editorial back, and with it my Christmas wishes.
It is unfortunate that in typing you should have reversed the lecturer's word by saying that the machine "decreased," instead of "increased," the output of real wealth.
Your conclusions as well as the questions you raise are interesting, but, as you might imagine, are all dealt with fully in D.S.C. literature. Even your adverse criticism is refreshing and not altogether unfriendly; anything but apathy is to be welcomed in striving to attain our common object of abolishing poverty.
The "abysmal ignorance" of the system is, as Douglas says, due in part to the fact that so few people understand the present system, and make no effort to study it.
As I have so recently inflicted myself on your readers I will not

RESIGNING DUE TO ILL-HEALTH

Sir Ian Macpherson to Give Up Seat—Malcolm MacDonald May Run

LONDON, Dec. 24 (C)—Sir Ian Macpherson, Liberal National Member of Parliament for Ross and Cromarty, is resigning owing to ill-health, it was announced last night. The nomination of Malcolm MacDonald, Dominions Secretary, who is reported to be favored for the resultant vacancy.
Malcolm MacDonald, like his father, was defeated in last month's general election. Both, however, were retained by Prime Minister Baldwin in his cabinet.
Ramsay MacDonald, who is Lord President of the Council, is said to be almost certain to stand for the vacant seat in the Scottish Universities.

NO DECISION REACHED
The University Conservative Association has not yet definitely decided on its candidature, however. The Scottish Universities elected three members, but one of the elected candidates, Dr. Noel Skelton, died before the result was announced.
Sir Ian Macpherson has represented Ross and Cromarty since 1911. He was Under-Secretary of War and Vice-President of the Army Council 1916-20, and Minister of Pensions 1920-22.

Letters to Editor

No letter to the Editor will be inserted except on the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exception. No letter should exceed 500 words in length.

"OOZING," NOT "DOZING"
Sir—Would you please be so good as to correct an apparent injustice to the Prime Minister in my communication, which you were kind enough to print this morning. I wrote that Mr. King was "oozing," not "dozing," with benevolence when pleading for Liberal solidarity. Mr. King is too wide-awake to be caught dozing at any time, as shown by his accurate cataloguing of the Provincial Government when he was here during the election. O. C. BASS, Central Building, Victoria, B.C., December 24, 1935.

THE SOCIAL SENSE
Sir—The consciousness of the needs of society and of its members, the sense of responsibility to society for the condition which it finds itself in and the individual's recognition of his obligation to society in general may be termed the social sense. It is quite obvious that this social sense is not a universal possession. It is a direct product of Christianity and undoubtedly reached its highest development when Christendom was undivided. The beginning of its decay dates from the religious revolts of the sixteenth century, sometimes called the Reformation. The modern revival of this sense is a legacy from Catholic Christendom and, consequently, the one body which has never lost the social sense through all the social and political mutations of this planet during the growth of modern civilization is the Catholic church.
Christianity is a moral power, and when it does interfere in politics and economics it is only because they have a moral side. The Reformation did two things, it established individualism in religion "emanating" human conscience from "bondage to authority" and started the movement towards what is with unconscious humor styled "free thought," whilst by its doctrine of "justification by faith alone" it discouraged the social sense. The corporate idea of social organization crumbled away in the selfish disruptive individualism of Protestantism.
There are limits to what natural man will stand, so that partly due to spasmodic workers' revolts and partly to the prompting of humanitarian feelings not already dead, efforts for reform were made. The only philosophy that underlay this struggle was the philosophy of necessity, only lately have definite principles of social organization appeared.
Socialism in its revolt against individualism would impose fetters on the individual that must subordinate him too greatly to the community. The Catholic ideal seeks to enlarge the privileges of the individual by making the organization of the community subservient to his legitimate needs and his natural dignity. Christianity says, "The State for the Man," because man is immortal; Socialism says, "The Man for the State," because it ignores eternal life.
JOSEF BARADAI,
1025 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria,
B.C., December 24, 1935.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET
Time of moonrise and moonset (Pacific standard time), at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1935.
Date Time Rise Time Set
1 11:50 a.m. 10:35 p.m.
2 12:14 p.m. 11:51 p.m.
3 12:38 p.m. 1:15 p.m.
4 12:57 p.m. 1:40 a.m.
5 1:11 p.m. 2:07 a.m.
6 1:22 p.m. 2:34 a.m.
7 1:32 p.m. 3:02 a.m.
8 1:41 p.m. 3:30 a.m.
9 1:49 p.m. 3:58 a.m.
10 1:56 p.m. 4:26 a.m.
11 2:02 p.m. 4:53 a.m.
12 2:07 p.m. 5:20 a.m.
13 2:11 p.m. 5:47 a.m.
14 2:14 p.m. 6:14 a.m.
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18 2:16 p.m. 8:02 a.m.
19 2:14 p.m. 8:29 a.m.
20 2:11 p.m. 8:56 a.m.
21 2:07 p.m. 9:23 a.m.
22 2:02 p.m. 9:50 a.m.
23 1:56 p.m. 10:17 a.m.
24 1:49 p.m. 10:44 a.m.
25 1:41 p.m. 11:11 a.m.
26 1:32 p.m. 11:38 a.m.
27 1:22 p.m. 12:05 p.m.
28 1:11 p.m. 12:32 p.m.
29 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
30 12:48 p.m. 1:28 p.m.
31 12:35 p.m. 1:55 p.m.

ROBBED BY PIRATES
HONGKONG, Dec. 24 (CP)—A small ship operating out of the port of Changchow was boarded by Chinese pirates yesterday. A chest containing \$10,000 (Chinese currency) and two Chinese hostages were taken from the vessel.

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Local Merchants Report Greater Volume of Trade Than Last Year

Now that the annual Christmas rush is over, merchants are looking to the future with renewed confidence that 1936 business will show a marked gain.

Everything points to a better year for the stores. Relief rolls have decreased, real estate sales show a gain and downtown property has started to move. Coupled with these indications is the fact that Christmas shoppers this year showed a tendency to purchase more expensive gifts than last year, a definite sign that more money is in circulation.

SHOW A GAIN

Merchants interviewed last evening stated that business for the three weeks preceding Christmas showed a gain over the corresponding period last year. There was also a genuine effort on the part of the majority of shoppers to purchase useful gifts.

Telegraph companies reported the special cable rates for Christmas greetings in Europe were more popular than ever. Telegraphic Christmas messages to various parts of Canada and the United States were also transmitted in great numbers.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time), at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1935.

Date	Time Rise	Time Set	Date	Time Rise	Time Set
1	7:43 a.m.	4:39 p.m.	17	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
2	7:44 a.m.	4:38 p.m.	18	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
3	7:45 a.m.	4:37 p.m.	19	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
4	7:46 a.m.	4:36 p.m.	20	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
5	7:47 a.m.	4:35 p.m.	21	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
6	7:48 a.m.	4:34 p.m.	22	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
7	7:49 a.m.	4:33 p.m.	23	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
8	7:50 a.m.	4:32 p.m.	24	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
9	7:51 a.m.	4:31 p.m.	25	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
10	7:52 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	26	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
11	7:53 a.m.	4:29 p.m.	27	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
12	7:54 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	28	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
13	7:55 a.m.	4:27 p.m.	29	7:59 a.m.	4:21 p.m.
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CIRCUMSTANCES TOO PECULIAR

Grand Jury's Investigation Of Telma Todd's Death May Be Long

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24 (P).—George Rochester, foreman of the county grand jury, ended today's session of the inquiry into Telma Todd's strange death with the muttered words: "Too many peculiar circumstances here."

His official pronouncement was that the investigation probably would require another two weeks, and he declined to discuss "peculiar circumstances." All the key witnesses, who previously had given sworn statements, already have been heard by the grand jury.

The widening circles of the case were:

1. An unverified report that Miss Todd was a member of a party of four persons, lunching together, the Saturday before her death. Zasu Pitts, her former film teammate; Miss Pitts' husband, Ed Woodall, and an unnamed escort of Miss Todd were said to have composed the party.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

2. The appearance of A. Ronald Butten, former attorney for Miss Todd, who told a deputy district attorney that he had "information of the utmost importance" to present to the grand jury.

3. The subpoenaing of Miss Pitts, her husband, and Howard Wolcott and Robert Fisher. Wolcott and Fisher will be asked about a statement that Miss Todd entered a downtown cigar store, thirty miles

from the place where her body was found, several hours after detectives believe life had left her.

4. An attempt to identify the "San Francisco businessman" with whom Miss Todd was said to have been having "a marvelous romance." This statement was made to District Attorney Burton Pitts by Ida Lupino, blonde movie actress, who was Telma Todd's hostess the last night she was known to have been seen alive.

ROY OLMSTEAD GIVEN PARDON

President Restores Civil Rights to Former Seattle Police Lieutenant

SEATTLE, Dec. 24 (P).—Roy Olmstead, convicted king of Pacific Northwest run runners almost ten years ago, received a Christmas present today from President Roosevelt.

The present was a full and unconditional pardon, restoring his civil rights and remitting his \$8,000 fine and costs of \$2,287.95.

Former police lieutenant, Olmstead was sentenced to Federal prison for four years on March 28, 1926, after a sensational trial which followed indictment of ninety persons on charges of bringing millions of dollars worth of liquor from foreign countries. Twenty-one were convicted.

"Give my wife credit for it all," Olmstead said today. "I am proud of her. It was because of her loyalty and unceasing efforts I have started life anew after it was interrupted. My slate is clean now. The highest authority in the United States has cleared away the court records."

Olmstead works for a retail credit bureau in Seattle.

CLAUDETTE COLBERT
WEDS DR. PRESSMAN

UMA, Ariz., Dec. 24 (P).—J. Claudette Colbert, film star, and Dr. Joel E. Pressman, Los Angeles physician, were married this afternoon by Justice of the Peace Earl Freeman.

HALIFAX, Dec. 24 (P).—Santa Claus isn't forgetting the Halifax horses. More than 150 of them will get Christmas baskets today made up of ten quarts of oats and two quarts of bran—enough for the Christmas dinner with plenty to spare. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is sending out the gifts to "underprivileged" animals.

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At the Theatres

RACING FILM ON CAPITOL SCREEN

Will Rogers Stars in "In Old Kentucky" at Midnight Show Here Tonight

The picture that marks the glorious climax of Will Rogers' career, "In Old Kentucky," opens tonight at the Capitol Theatre's midnight matinee, to bring the continent's beloved star to the screen in a thrilling picturization of America's favorite play.

Rogers has the role of Steve Tapley, a trainer of champions and the skillful guide of young love in a land where all the horses are fast and the women beautiful.

Around the romance of Dorothy Wilson and Russell Hardie much of the picture's action centers. Hardie is the trainer for wealthy Charles Richman, a job Rogers lost when he protected Miss Wilson's grandfather, Charles Sellen, from Richman's wrath.

The task of training Miss Wilson's horse for the Ashford stakes takes up one part of Rogers' time, however. He is at the same time engaged in the courtship of a southern lady, played by Esther Dale. And Bill Robinson, the famous dancer, is his able aid in both these tasks.

Through plot and counterplot, this delightful story weaves its way, bringing us to the spectacular climax in the race. And here Miss Wilson defies all precedent by riding her mount to victory and a happy solution for all concerned.

Playhouse Bills Musical Comedy

Many singers with exceptional voices coddle them and use them only when with their teachers or when singing for good sized audiences.

But not Dick Powell! Dick, who would rather be considered an actor than a singer, chirps pretty much all day long around the Warner Bros. studio. His latest role is the romantic lead in Marion Davies' Cosmopolitan comedy, "Page Miss Glory," which comes to the Playhouse Theatre tomorrow, as her first Warner Bros. release.

Powell portrays the role of an aviator who once flew a lion from Africa to Florida, and in the dramatic action of "Page Miss Glory" is shown flying some life-saving serum to a flock of quadruplets just born in Nome, Alaska.

In this picture Dick and Miss Davies sing a catchy song written by Warren and Dubin, who have turned out most of the year's big song hits.

Columbia Stars Jackie Cooper

Jackie Cooper, the little star of "Skippy," "Sooky," "The Champ," and many other pictures, opens at the Columbia Theatre tomorrow in the Warner Bros. production, "Dinky."

The picture has the best known child actors taking part, including Betty Jean Hanes, Jackie's sweetheart; Jimmy Butler, George Ernest, Edith Fellers, Sidney Miller, Richard Quine and Frank Gerardi.

The scenes take place in a military academy for boys and in an orphanage next door. There are football and baseball games, cadet drills and every sport loved by the youth of America. There is also plenty of romance and glamor.

The picture is said to appeal to grown-ups just as much as to children.

Mary Astor heads the cast of grown-ups as Jackie's mother, with Roger Pryor, as a lawyer who is very much in love with the widow.

Mystery Is at Little Orpheum

Something entirely new in love stories is said to be brought to the screen by William Powell and Ginger Rogers in "Star of Midnight," opening tomorrow at the Little Orpheum Theatre, current R.K.O. Radio picture woven around New York's society and night life.

Romance in this modern, sophisticated drama follows no charted course: The red-haired Ginger, in the role of a young society beauty, takes the aggressive, and it's hard to tell whether Powell is a willing victim, or an apprehensive elixer to the standard of bachelorhood. In other words, it's the man in the case.

Drake of England
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AMUSEMENTS

On the Screen

Capitol—Clark Gable in "Mutiny on the Bounty."
Columbia—"Racing Luck," starring Bill Boyd.
Dominion—Walter Abel in "The Three Musketeers."
Little Orpheum—"The World Moves On," starring Franchot Tone.
Playhouse—Clark Gable in "The Call of the Wild."

who keeps the girl and the audience guessing.

A sinister mystery adds the thrills of suspense to romance and subtle comedy, with Powell and Miss Rogers joining forces to track down the clues to a strange disappearance and a weird murder.

Stephen Roberts directed "Star of Midnight," which is based on a story by the late Arthur Somers Roche, master of mystery fiction. In the supporting cast are such well-known players as Ralph Morgan, Paul Kelly, Leslie Fenton, Vivian Oakland, Gene Lockhart, Russell Hopton and J. Farrell MacDonald.

STIRRING DRAMA IS AT CAPITOL

Clark Gable, Charles Laughton and Other Stars in "Mutiny on the Bounty"

The most thrilling adventure of the eighteenth century now becomes the greatest adventure of the twentieth century.

If the motion picture camera had been in practical use 150 years ago, no more authentic nor thrilling record of the amazing exploits of H.M.S. Bounty and the historical mutiny could have been recorded than will be seen in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's saga of the seas, "Mutiny on the Bounty," which opens at the Capitol Theatre today.

The magic of a modern story-telling art, born of light and mechanical genius, will take the world on that heart-stirring voyage. Adventure-loving men again lived the perils of angry seas... the silent suffering of tyranny... the heartbreak of loneliness to recreate this immortal struggle of a handful of mutineers.

Director Frank Lloyd and an intrepid crew of screen workmen sailed the storm-ridden South Seas over the same dangerous route sailed by H.M.S. Bounty to get absolutely authentic scenes for this new Irving G. Thalberg attraction. Months were spent in selecting the cast.

Charles Laughton surpasses all his other masterful performances as the tyrannical disciplinarian, the cruel but dauntless Captain Bligh. Clark Gable portrays Fletcher Christian, the young officer who leads the mutiny. Franchot Tone enacts the part of Midshipman, who supports Gable's insurrection.

DOMINION Paul Lukas, who has earned such wide popularity in suave and urbane roles, takes up Athos' rapier in "The Three Musketeers," now at the Dominion Theatre, to add lusty action to his usual finesse. He shares hero honors with Walter Abel, Moroni Olsen, and Onslow Stevens, who portray d'Artagnan, Porthos and Aramis, respectively, in R.K.O. Radio's production of the Dumas classic. Rowland V. Lee directed and Cliff Reid produced.

PANTOMIME PLAYS AT EMPIRE DEC. 27, 28

There are five acts in the pantomime, "Dick Whittington and His Cat." In the first, a woodland scene outside London, the famous stone by which Dick Whittington is supposed to have rested is seen. The next takes place in the kitchen of Alice Fitzwarren's house in London, where Dick finds work. The third act is laid on an island in the Mediterranean Sea. The fourth act returns to the woods near London. The fifth act is back at the Fitzwarren's house, but this time in the banquet hall—it is Christmas night and Alice is entertaining some of her friends at dinner; there is a dance by Christmas bonbons; jesters bring in the Yule log; the boar's head, and no end of other exciting things happen.

The performance takes place on December 27 and 28 at the Empire Theatre with a matinee on December 28.

MATHESON LANG WILL PLAY ROLE OF DRAKE

"Drake of England" will be the first of a series of patriotic and historical films to be shown at the Empire during the coming year. The famous admiral and swash-buckling pirate of the sixteenth century whose sword and heart were ever at the service of Queen and country will be played by the world-renowned actor of stage and screen, Matheson Lang.

This vigorous reproduction of swagging England of Elizabethan days will be presented by the new management of the Empire and is an important picture with a fine cast. The year will open at the Empire with this great full-length film on January 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Windsor Castle Council Chamber is used as a background for many of the important sequences, and it is in this chamber that Elizabeth first meets Drake.

They couldn't understand his reluctance to start at kindergarten until he inquired timidly of his mother: "Will it hurt very much when they enroll me?"

DIVIDED OVER FREEDOM MOVE

Time Only Will Tell Whether It Was Justified Or Not

Among the passengers arriving here last evening aboard the American Mail Line S.S. President Jackson were Chesley Manly Washington, correspondent of The Chicago Tribune, who covered the inauguration ceremonies at Manila for his paper; Joseph Rucker and Joseph Rucker Jr., Paramount News cameramen, also on their way home after "shooting" the events marking the birth of the Philippine Republic.

Mr. Manly stated that the opinion of the Congressional party was divided concerning the outcome of the United States Administration's move in promising the people of the islands freedom in ten years. Time only would tell whether it was justified or not.

Following the Manila "show," Mr. Manly visited several cities in China and spent some time in Japan. In the latter country, he stated, an intensely patriotic people were apparently imbued with the belief they are chosen for great things and appear determined to live up to it.

Mr. Rucker, Sr., said he and his son had secured some excellent news features in connection with the inauguration of Manuel Quezon, and thought it quite possible he might have to return to the Far East shortly. It looked for a while lately as though things were going to

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develop quickly and seriously in North China, but the flare burned out almost as quickly as it flashed up. He felt the situation developing there would have future possibilities for the camera newsmen.

PRINCESS NAMES SHIP
BELFAST, Dec. 24 (P).—Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, named and launched at Harland & Wolff's shipyard here, the 25,000-ton Union Castle liner Athlone Castle, intended for service to South and East Africa.

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ARE IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION
Assyrians Being Transferred To New Homes by Government's Aid

OTTAWA, Dec. 24 (P).—A large portion of the Assyrian race, descendants of a people who had already reached a high state of civilization before Abraham migrated from Ur of the Chaldees, is in danger of extinction. Captain G. F. Gracy, D.S.O., who toured Canada four years ago in the interests of that ancient people, has communicated to sympathetic friends in Ottawa something of their plight. He is overseas delegate of the "Save the Children Fund," with headquarters in Gordon Square, London, England.

Captain Gracy was for many years before the war a missionary in Kurdistan and the Caucasus. His services were "co-opted" by the War Office in 1915, and he was sent to Tiflis, the capital of Georgia, attached to the British mission operating with the Grand Duke Nicholas. In this capacity he ranged through the Middle East, becoming something of a "mystery man," and rendered great help in the result of Assyrians in the neighborhood of Lake Urmia, near Tabriz, Persia.

INSPIRED CAMPAIGN
Gracy was credited with having inspired the dispatch to Persia of Major-General L. C. Dunsterville and his "hush-hush army," in which nearly forty Canadian officers and sergeants took part during 1918.

Following the war the Assyrians were transferred from Urmia to Iraq, many of them joining their compatriots in the regions of Mosul. Clashes between them and the Iraqis, however, disposed the League of Nations to find a permanent settlement for them. At one time British Guiana was suggested, but this was found unsuitable to that mountainous people.

"At long last," writes Captain Gracy, "a place of settlement has been found in Syria—an area in the Orontes Valley known as the Gharb."

TRANSFER IS COSTLY
Their transfer to Syria will cost \$3,000,000, of which the League of Nations is contributing \$500,000. The remainder will be found by the British and Iraqi Governments.

"We hope to start moving the Assyrians in March," says Captain Gracy. "Meanwhile we must keep these waiting alive. If we don't do something this winter for the Assyrians in Iraq, there will be all the fewer to deal with eventually in Syria."

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stances of their own, being deprived of the fullness of life, to which, as citizens of a democratic country, they are entitled.

"Until mankind generally, and that means every one of us, is prepared to put into actual practice the precepts of Christ Jesus, whose nativity we are today celebrating, and make practical the Golden Rule by really treating our fellowmen in the spirit of true brotherliness, the conditions under which we are today laboring will continue."

"I know that the citizens of Victoria have been unflinching in their endeavors to help alleviate the distress and suffering which exists, and their good work will not go unrewarded, but we must make still more determined efforts to restore a fuller life to those less fortunate than ourselves so that their independence may be permanently established and the feeling of being dependent on their fellow citizens is removed."

ACTING-REEVE ANGUS
Councillor R. Angus, acting-reeve of Oak Bay, extended the following message:

"May I, as acting-reeve of Oak Bay, at this festive season, extend to all our friends in Victoria, Esquimalt and Saanich our cordial good wishes for an old-fashioned Merry Christmas."

"In doing so we sincerely hope that the generous support given the various funds has been able to bring a measure of happiness to those less fortunate at this season of the year. We also hope that the dawn of this Christmas will see a return to improved business conditions which ultimately will absorb those now out of employment."

"I may also state that Reeve R. W. Mayhew is well on the road to recovery following his recent illness."

REEVE LOCKLEY
"I am pleased to have the opportunity once again to wish the residents of Esquimalt and Greater Victoria a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year."

"I hope that the signs of improvement in business that is reported from coast to coast will prove to be on a sound foundation and that the coming year will see a real advance towards more prosperous times."

REEVE WILLIAM CROUCH
The following message was given by Reeve William Crouch, Saanich:

"It is customary at this time of the year to extend greetings and good wishes, which I sincerely do, not only to our own people, but also to the friends of Greater Victoria."

"The splendid support which we have received from all classes in our Christmas hamper campaigns show to me the kindly feeling amongst people of Greater Victoria towards Saanich, and I deeply appreciate it. My good wishes are with you at all times and I can only repeat the old, old wish:

"A merry Christmas to you all."

"Two Ministers of the Crown added their Christmas messages to the public yesterday. Premier Pattullo made his over the radio in a half-hour's address on the Ottawa conference. He said in part:

"May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Christmas of satisfaction and happiness, and a New Year in which our best hopes may be realized."

Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance, contributed the following message:

SEES HOPE AHEAD
"To all citizens of Victoria I wish a merry Christmas. There is a decided improvement in conditions generally over this time a year ago, and I am confident that the coming twelvemonth will see a material return to normal. Meanwhile, I hope all who can will do everything in their power to make the season more cheerful for those who are still in need of assistance."

"Though he has said little since he returned from Ottawa, Mr. Hart spoke yesterday with quiet confidence of the future in this province, and said British Columbia's problems could and would be resolved in a sane and sensible manner. Progress, he indicated, would become more apparent as the new year advanced. Meanwhile, material improvement in British Columbia trade and revenues are being taken as definitely encouraging."

TENNIS UMPIRE IS DEAD
WEYMOUTH, England, Dec. 24 (P).—Rear Admiral Peter W. E. Hill, sixty-two, retired, one of the umpires in the Wimbledon championship tennis matches for the last twelve years, died last night. He suppressed gun running in the Persian Gulf from 1911 to 1914.

GOODRICH, Kas. Dec. 24 (P).—Three persons were killed here yesterday when their Christmas gift-laden truck was struck by a fast Missouri-Kansas-Texas freight train as a grade crossing.

Opinions Clash As Judges Hear Marriage Cases

Conflicting Decisions in Quebec Courts Deepen Problem Carried Years to Privy Council for Final Settlement—Many Controversies Are Occasioned

MONTREAL, Dec. 25 (P).—Mixed marriages, long the subject of religious disputes, have created a legal problem of deepening perplexity in the province of Quebec. The question of whether violation of church canons respecting marriage renders the union void from the legal as well as the church standpoint has produced an unparalleled series of conflicting decisions by Quebec judges. A recently-formed committee of Protestant clergymen estimates there are 15,000 mixed marriages in Quebec.

The typical case is that of a Roman Catholic who, contrary to the canons of his church, marries a Protestant, repents later and after obtaining a decree of nullity from the Roman Catholic ecclesiastical authorities comes to the civil courts seeking to have the marriage dissolved.

Cases of lesser frequency, all based on infringement of canon law, are those where both parties are Roman Catholic and the clergyman non-Catholic, where there is a forbidden blood relationship, where both are godparents of the same child, where one has not been baptized, and where a minor has married without parental consent.

THE CANON LAW
Applications for annulment, which have come before the courts with increasing frequency the past year or two, have been granted fairly consistently by one group of judges, who claim canon law must be followed to give the people of Quebec the religious freedom promised them by King George III.

As consistently, another group of judges, pointing to the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Privy Council, have refused them.

"To give effect to the Privy Council ruling," said Mr. Justice Alfred Forest, of the Superior Court here, in a recent case in which he dissolved a mixed marriage in which a Protestant minister officiated, "would force the culprit to remain in a state of sin and prevent him from repenting his fault according to the dictates of his conscience and the prescriptions of the church."

Judge Forest appealed to the religious authorities to seek amendments to the Quebec civil code in such a manner as to "end these condemnable abuses and to restrain the too great facility for persons to contract marriage by presenting themselves before a functionary who is not a Catholic priest."

The contrasting view was expressed by Chief Justice Greenshield of the same court, who refused to annul a marriage in another recent case. "The plaintiff and defendant were both capable of entering into a contract of marriage. That contract was given its civil effects by a complete compliance with the laws of this province, which is the only law governing the matter, and it is a matter of perfect indifference in my determination of this case whether the defendant was a member of the Protestant communion or the Roman Catholic communion, or whether he was a Hindu, a Mohammedan or an atheist; his marriage with the plaintiff was valid."

LEGAL ANNULMENTS
Legal annulments have been the subject of many protests by Protestant clergymen, notably those addressed to Premier Taschereau by Bishop Parthien, of the Anglican diocese of Montreal.

The problem, which is reminiscent of the ancient struggles for authority between church and state, is complicated by divergent legal and religious philosophies as to whether marriage is primarily a religious or a civil act, whether the canon law was imported into the Quebec civil code, whether the promise of Paris and the Quebec Act extended beyond mere "toleration," and whether Quebec Superior Court judges are bound to follow precedents set by Privy Council decisions.

Said the late Mr. Justice Coderre a few years ago in annulling a marriage of twenty-four years standing: "We do not decide according to precedent, but according to law. Decisions are rendered according to civil law as interpreted by the sentiment and experience of the judge hearing the case."

In any event, it is generally conceded the decisions of the Empire's highest tribunal are irrevocable and the civil view of marriage would transcend the ecclesiastical should a defendant again exercise the modern equivalent of that supreme right of the Roman citizen, "I appeal to Caesar!"

Only one has a case of this kind been carried to the judicial committee of the Privy Council. That was the leading case of Despatie versus Tremblay.

SOME PECULIARITIES
In 1904, Malvina Despatie and Napoleon Tremblay, both Catholics, were married in the Roman Catholic church at Richelieu, Que. Unwittingly, they had broken a canon of their church because unknown to them they were cousins in the fourth degree, through a common ancestor married 113 years before in 1781. When he later discovered the relationship, Tremblay obtained an ecclesiastical annulment, then succeeded, after two attempts, in getting a civil annulment from the Quebec courts.

The wife appealed to the Privy Council. The law lords heard the case first in 1914, and in 1915 took the unusual course of having the case reargued before them.

In the first, book-lined room, Article 127 of the Quebec civil code, relied on by those who contended the canon law was part of the civil law of Quebec, was of no effect one way or the other, he said, and the jurisprudence that antedated the session of Quebec could not be taken into account.

"The laws of England would have obtained in Canada unchanged," said the judgment, "had it not been that stipulations were made in the various capitulations and the Act of Cession to secure religious freedom for Catholics. It was from these alone and the subsequent Acts of Parliament relating to Canada that the full rights of Roman Catholics in Canada were derived. The marriage was performed with all legal formalities, and did not come within the provision of the code which deals with questions of nullity."

TREATY AND ACT
In both the Treaty of Paris and the Quebec Act were significant phrases restricting the degree of religious liberty to a point where it did not contravene the English civil law. The Treaty of Paris said: "... Roman Catholic subjects may profess the worship of their religion, according to the rites of the Roman church, as far as the laws of Great Britain will permit." The Quebec Act read: "... His Majesty's subjects, professing the religion of the Church of Rome and in the Province of Quebec, may have, hold and enjoy the free exercise of their religion, the Church of Rome, subject to the King's supremacy."

Although it provided the precedent for marital litigation in Quebec, the decision in the Despatie-Tremblay case did not greatly affect the future of the parties to the action. They had obtained a dispensation from the church authorities before the decision was given and were remarried in 1920.

So great was the public agitation throughout Canada over this case and the Hebert case, which was before the courts about the same time, with vehement editorials being published in many newspapers and sectarian feeling running high, that the matter got onto the floor of the House of Commons while the litigation was under way.

REFERS TO COURTS
A bill proposed by P. A. Lancaster, member for Lincoln, which would remove doubt as to legality of all such marriages, led to a lengthy and at times acrimonious debate. The Government of Sir Robert Borden was supported in its contention the debate should be adjourned and the question of constitutionality referred to the courts.

The Supreme Court of Canada and the Privy Council decided the Provincial Legislatures, and not the Dominion Parliament, had power over solemnization of marriage. A majority of the Supreme Court judges held, answering other questions, that marriages in which one or both parties were Roman Catholics were not invalidated in Quebec because the ceremony was performed by a Protestant clergyman.

Aside from occasional assertions of the dogma that marriage is a sacrament over which the church has control, Roman Catholic Church authorities took little part in the public disputes that raged at that time. Archbishop Bruchet of Montreal said in 1911, "The Ne Temere is a decree made by us to govern our own people. Of course it has got into the civil courts, but it was intended solely for our own people."

City and District

Counted Beans—M. Larson, 1128 Ormond Street, was awarded the prize for correctly estimating the number of beans in a jar displayed in the window of Richards' Chocolate Shop.

Annual Party—The annual Christmas party of the Canadian Pensioners' Association was held yesterday in the Pemberton Building clubrooms. Twenty-six children received gifts from officers of the club.

Election Expenses—According to returns filed with Sydney Child, returning officer for the electoral district of Victoria, D'Arcy Britton Plunkett, successful Conservative candidate, spent the sum of \$1,729.29 on his election campaign here.

Thanks Extended—Captain Burges J. Gadden and members of the board of directors yesterday issued Christmas greetings and thanks to all those who had assisted the work of the Sunshine Inn during the past year.

Cyclist Hurt—Albert Hudson, 1046 View Street, received an elbow injury, when his machine was in collision with an automobile at the intersection of Cook and Yates Streets, Monday. The youthful cyclist was conveyed to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Stolen Car—An automobile stolen from Ernest H. Black, 2370 Windsor Road, was recovered on Douglas Street near Gorge Road by Constable Joe Addison at 9:15 o'clock last evening. A minor found in charge of the machine was detained at the police station.

Christmas Tree—Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, Victoria Unit No. 12, annual Christmas tree for children of members will be held in the new clubrooms, on Wharf Street at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. St. Mary's Choir will sing Christmas carols in the auditorium at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Cars Collide—Automobiles driven by Mrs. A. W. Semple, 409 Edward Street, and Charles Martin, James Island, collided in the 1100 Block on Rockland Avenue shortly before 3 o'clock last evening. Mrs. Semple's machine was turned over on its side, and she received a cut leg from flying glass. She was attended at St. Joseph's Hospital by Dr. Charles Watson.

Chinese Hospital Tree—The annual Christmas tree and party for the indigent patients in the Chinese Hospital, 555 Herald Street, will be held this afternoon between 6 and 7 o'clock. The committee in charge of the arrangements deeply appreciate the generosity of those who have sent gifts for the six patients, but there are still about a dozen destitute Chinese families with cases who need the care of the hospital and are not provided for. The institution was visited yesterday by a Chinese physician, Dr. Lee, who has just returned from the Far East. He gave free ministration to the six patients.

ACCEPTS A CALL
EDMONTON, Dec. 24 (P).—After twenty-one years' service in the Missouri Synod, of the Lutheran Church of Western Canada, Prof. W. A. Baepfer, of Concordia College, has accepted a call to the theological seminary at Springfield, Illinois, where he will take over his new duties early in January.

EUROPE FACING WET CHRISTMAS

Rain and Mild Weather Leave Melting Snow in Most Sections

LONDON, Dec. 24 (P).—Traditional Christmas-card weather favored only scattered sections of Europe tonight. Melting snow, rain and a sudden rise in temperature were the rule.

British churchgoers trudged to midnight services in a downpour of rain, following one of the worst fogs and frosts in years.

Paris was drenched by heavy rain. In flooded southwestern areas of France, many villagers reached home by boat.

Snows were melting in much of Germany, although some country sections had temperatures of around 3 above zero.

THAW THREATENS SKIING
A thaw threatened holiday skiing in the Austrian Alps.

Budapest was covered with three feet of snow, but Vienna had none. Rome reported the fairest Christmas in years. Bethlehem was sunny and warm.

In Moscow, however, the snow piled high after a fierce blizzard. The lives of sixty seamen were endangered in the Caspian, where two small steamers and two oil barges were frozen in the ice and in danger of breaking up.

MAKES NEW RECORD FOR LEG OF FLIGHT
HONOLULU, Dec. 24 (P).—The Philippine Clipper, swept along by strong tail winds, alighted at Pearl Harbor at 4 p.m. (6:30 p.m. Pacific standard time) today from Midway Island.

The time for the 1,232-mile flight was seven hours and twenty-seven minutes, one hour and forty-nine minutes faster than the previous record.

The average speed of the great flying boat was 175 miles an hour, but at times it swept along between 210 and 215 miles an hour.

"Ay, th' waiters are awfu' polite," related Dave on his return from London. "They wanted tea shake hands wi' me when I left the tables."

Announcements
Beware of Deplorable!—Paste! Powder! Wax! Liquids! or Pumice Stone! They all merely remove the hair temporarily, which, sooner or later, returns, growing stronger and stronger all the time. Advertisements to the contrary are but to sell these preparations. Electrolysis alone is the absolutely permanent cure. It is the one method which has the unqualified sanction of the medical profession all over the world. Call for booklet. Miss Hanman, 503 Sayward Building. Phone G 7642.

The winners of the Esquimalt Boy Scouts' turkey draw, which was held on Friday, 20th, were as follows: Mrs. N. Kennedy, No. 617; Muriel Born, 950; Mr. G. Thompson, 264; Morris Waldron, 172; R. Pugh, turkey and cake, 368; Kenneth Siburn, 1225; Mrs. Pust, 388; Mrs. G. E. Wallis, 441.

AVIATORS TRANSFERRED
EDMONTON, Dec. 24 (P).—Pioneer of Northland flying and one of Canada's ace airman, W. G. "Wop" May will take over the duties of superintendent of Mackenzie River district, Canadian Airways Limited. He succeeds C. H. "Punch" Dickens, who has been promoted to Winnipeg.

GOLD FOR WAR CHEST
ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 24 (CP).—Italian residents of Alexandria yesterday handed over to local consular authorities eighty-eight pounds of gold for Italy's war chest. The contributions include 3,500 wedding rings and 200 war medals.

Our Printing Brings Results.
A well-designed and attractive label on your goods will always bring you business. Let us show you samples of our work. The Colonist, 1211 Broad Street. Phone G 5241.

New Glasses for Dad and Mother.
A Christmas gift appreciated every day for years. See Harry E. Hay, optician, 503 Sayward Building, Phone G 7642.

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Merry Christmas
May this be a right merry, musical Christmas is the sincere wish of the entire staff at Fletcher Bros.
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To All Our Customers and Friends We Wish "A Very Merry Christmas" and "A Happy New Year"
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Central Films, Limited, and Kenneth Bishop,
producer, wish their many Victoria friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Shrine of Poet Seeking a Tenant
LONDON, Dec. 24 (P).—Tennyson's home at Freshwater, in the Isle of Wight, is for rent. It has long been a shrine to which many journey. At Farringford, the name of the place, just off the main road from Freshwater to Alum Bay, sheltered by fine old trees which the poet loved and immortalized in his verse, he did much of his best work. Its name is irrevocably associated with his, for it was during the last forty years of his life—his period of residence there—that he acquired his prestige. The poet's connection with Farringford dates from November, 1853, when he rented it. Three years afterward he bought the house and estate outright.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 24 (P).—Thieves who gained entrance to the Seventh Avenue home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Digby while they were absent, escaped with jewelry valued at \$200. Majority of the loot was in the form of old gold.

The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle

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ACROSS

- Adage.
- Laments.
- Possesses.
- Oriental title.
- Pertaining to runes.
- To be indebted.
- To fondle.
- To meddle.
- Ox of Celebes.
- Sun god.
- King of Israel.
- Prefix, wrong.
- Parasitic insect.
- High mountain.
- Substances.
- Italian article.
- Perched.
- New Zealand bird.
- Toward higher place.
- Devised.
- Poem.
- Portico.
- Prefix: this side of.
- Seaport in Arabia.
- Prefix, wrong.
- Symbol for tartan.
- Egyptian solar disc.
- To discover.
- To last.
- Affirmative.
- Core.
- To plunder.
- To marry.
- To rub out.
- Pen point.

DOWN

- Pouch.
- In the past.
- Exited.
- Small bird.
- Self-acting.
- Within.
- Alight.
- Mark of wound.
- Jump.
- Respect.
- Hindu weight.
- Sodium chloride.
- Italian secret society.
- Isle.
- Levantine ships.
- To apportion.
- Box.
- College half years.
- Note of scale.
- Evade.
- Quivering leaf.
- To deface.
- Land measure.
- Political division.
- Negative.
- By way of.
- Hypothetical force.
- Conjunction.
- Pain.
- In heraldry, grafted.
- Crow-like bird.
- To look over intently.
- To spread.
- Prefix: three times.
- Vase.
- Red der.
- To recede.
- Cooled lava.

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Social Activities and Notes of Personal Interest

Nativity Pageant To Be Held Soon

The beautiful Nativity pageant, "Bethlehem," will be given on Friday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, in Emmanuel Baptist Church, by the scholars of the Sunday school. The Sunday school children have been preparing for this event for some time and it is anticipated that a large gathering will witness the performance.

The musical part of the pageant is under the direction of Mr. H. T. Zala, and will include some of the lovely well-known carols. Assisting soloists will be Miss May Zala and Mr. James Oakman, who will sing the duet parts, and Mr. Norman Maynard will sing "Nazareth" and Miss Rosemarie Parfitt. "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own."

The dramatic part of the pageant is under the direction of Mr. Reg. Scoble. The staging is in charge of Mr. Don Smith, and the lighting effects in the hands of Mr. W. J. Miles.

The primary and junior departments will also give various items previous to the pageant.

The supper and Christmas tree will be held at 6:15 o'clock in the Sunday school room for the Sunday school pupils and staff. The parents and friends are invited to the evening pageant at 7:30 o'clock.

Weddings

FENWICK-SIMPSON

At a quiet ceremony, performed by Rev. T. H. McAllister, Qu'Appelle Street, on Saturday evening, the marriage was solemnized at 9:30 o'clock between Florence Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simpson, of Webb, Sask., and Mr. John Gordon Fenwick, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fenwick Webb, Sask. The bride was attractively attired in a gown of deep-blue silk crepe. She wore a corsage bouquet of white carnations, and was attended by Miss Lenora Trickett. The groom was supported by Mr. F. E. Trickett. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fenwick will make their home in Victoria.

HANSEN-TURNER

A quiet wedding, in the presence of relatives, and a few intimate friends, took place last evening at 8:30 o'clock in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Turner, 1286 Pembroke Street, when their second daughter, Clara Mae, became the bride of Mr. Nels Hansen, Rev. J. S. Patterson officiated.

Mr. Turner gave his daughter away, and she was attended by her sister, Miss Lucy Turner. They were both dressed in blue, and wore corsage bouquets of carnations. The best man was Mr. Tore Johnson.

During the ceremony the bride and groom stood beneath a large white bell and pink streamers, and later the guests sat down to supper at a table centred with a four-tier

cake, set amid gay Christmas decorations. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen will take up their residence on Kings Road.

Campbell River

Miss Earl left Monday for Victoria for her holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Grant are guests of Mr. Grant's brother in Victoria.

Miss M. Abercrombie left Saturday for Vancouver on her vacation.

Mr. G. Playfair is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents at Qualicum.

Mr. H. Ferguson, principal of the local school, left on Saturday for his vacation.

Mrs. and Miss Eek and Mrs. McDonald, of Granite Bay, passed through on their way to Vancouver and Victoria.

Mr. H. Walters left on Saturday for his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillips have returned home from the Baxter pole camp for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. John Miller, Jr., is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller.

Mrs. H. Pidcock is spending Christmas in the city.

Mrs. Mitchell passed through on Monday from Courtenay to her home at Gwiltland Harbor.

Rev. A. Green returned recently from a trip to Vancouver.

Mr. Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. Bloesman arrived last week from Alberni. Mr. Bloesman expects to spend his Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Foley and family are the guests of Mrs. Foley's mother, Mrs. G. Wickstrom, over the holidays.

Messrs. Ken McLean, Ernie Peterson, Henry Peterson and Harold Olson left on Sunday for Vancouver.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Lourdes Hospital was held on December 4. Officers elected for the year were: President, Mrs. J. Meredith; vice-president, Mrs. I. S. Grant; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. Legace. Receipts for the past year were \$564.08, and expenses, \$534.95.

Mrs. F. Masters had a surprise tea on Thursday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Kathleen, who is to be married this month. Her girl friends surprised her with a miscellaneous shower the same afternoon. The gifts were brought in a decorated box by Mesdames J. Legace and N. Smith.

On Friday evening the Sunday school committee had its tree in the church. Each child attending the school received a gift and a bag of fruit, nuts and candy. The evening began with the singing of hymns and songs by the children's choir, which did very well considering the short time they have practised. Mr. H. Walters, assisted by Mrs. E. Anderson, instructed the choir. Mrs. D. B. Taylor, assisted by Mrs. O. Thulin and Mr. D. B. Taylor, presented the gifts to the children.

At the Hotels

DOMINION HOTEL

Mr. E. L. Kyle, Great Bear Lake; Mr. L. Tansky, Nanaimo; Mr. P. Robertson, Duncan; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morton, Seattle; Mr. P. J. Palmer, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Taylor, Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, Alberni; Mr. M. S. Laurence, Prince Rupert; Mr. H. Yeaton, Seattle; Mr. H. S. Gurney, Port Alberni.

DINNER GUESTS

Members of the staff and the pinboys of the Olympic Bowling Alleys were the guests of Manager Clarence Johns at a turkey dinner Monday in Spencer's private dining-room. The programme was arranged by the pinboys with G. Larson acting as chairman.

J. McElean, on behalf of the pinboys, presented Mr. Johns with a leather wallet and key case.

Messrs. Berry, Brooks, Lewis, Mackey, McElean, Butler and Kuusinen contributed to the musical programme.

Qualicum Beach

Miss Betty Bailey left Monday to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. D. Cameron, at Shawnigan Lake.

Mrs. J. Marshall left Monday to spend the holidays with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Strutt, at Royal Oak, Victoria.

Mrs. G. Morgan is home for Christmas after being a patient in Vancouver Hospital for several weeks.

Mrs. J. Pengelly has returned home after a short visit to Vancouver.

Mr. Peers Davidson is spending a short holiday with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Campbell Davidson.

Duncan

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Nokes, Lake Cowichan, was christened Monday afternoon at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Robson, Gibbins Road. Rev. W. F. Burns officiated. The names given were Donna Winnifred. After the ceremony tea was served by Mrs. Robson and Miss Hope Robson. Christmas decorations were used, the prettily decorated christening cake, in a setting of ferns and gypsophila centring the tea table.

General Convener of Dance



MRS. T. A. JOHNSTON

Regent of the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E., under whose auspices the annual children's fancy dress ball will be held on Friday evening at the Empress Hotel. Fancy dress is optional. After 9 p.m., the ballroom will be given over to grown-up dancers.

What Today Means

"CAPRICORN"

If December 25 is your birthday, the best hours for you on this date are from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. The danger periods are from 6 to 8 a.m., from 5 to 7 p.m. and from 9 to 11 p.m.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," this day, so play the good Samaritan. Make allowances for the exuberance of youth. Withhold the mirth of children and the spirit that inspires it, the significance of this day will be lost. A friend probably will surprise you by a totally unexpected expression of affectionate regard. A letter that will bring a very gratifying message is likely to be in transit. If you have been expecting to hear from someone, do not give up hope, as there is an indication of delay in your affairs, but apparently it will be very brief. In your social contacts be careful you do not hurt the feelings of some mental person by failing to extend the season's greetings. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who are in love, must be careful that no selfish desire of their own interferes with the happiness of others, if they wish to do their part in making the day a big success.

If a woman and December 25 is your birthday, be very careful that all of your requests this day are reasonable. Exacting demands and lack of patience are evils to be guarded against, as these can play havoc with your happiness. Fortunately you can control both. You may not be a great church goer but you possess a decidedly spiritual nature. You should be endowed with a high degree of intelligence. A keen sense of humor and ready tongue ought to make you an excellent conversationalist. Law, medicine, chemistry, literature, art or the marts of commerce may offer you the opportunity for successful financial advancement. Your matrimonial prospects in regard to happiness are decidedly favorable, so you can have great expectations concerning them.

The child born on December 25 generally, from infancy on, is blessed with a courageously optimistic nature, which will enable it to overcome most of the obstacles that might beset it.

If a man and December 25 is your natal day, either theological or political subjects probably have a fascination for you. You perhaps are a man of conflicting emotions. As an engineer, architect, lawyer, doctor, preacher, writer, artist or salesman you are apt to meet with the greatest degree of success.

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Be careful your temper is not affected this day, by your nerves showing some sort of reaction to the strain they are subjected to by the previous day's activities. You can keep yourself fit mentally, as well as physically, by doing some straight thinking. Be cautious how you respond to some very foolish reasoning of a friend, for the arguments advanced may prove dangerously unground. Any sluggish conditions in business this day will not justify the acceptance of them as an excuse for neglecting any duties. This day is hardly likely to be auspicious for suggesting or planning social activities. It probably will prove difficult to arouse any one's enthusiasm over any kind of a new project, so if you are wise you will not attempt it. Married and engaged couples, and those contemplating matrimony, will find this a mighty bad day to engage in arguments, harangues or criticisms. If you have nothing pleasant to say it will be wise to keep quiet.

If a woman and December 25 is your birthday, do not let a desire to be economical cause you to become penurious. The saving habit is a fine one, providing personal comforts and innocent pleasures are not sacrificed for the sole purpose of accumulating money. You may be inclined to be overcautious in your dealings with trades-people. You are discriminating and your friends have, as a rule, great respect for your judgment, especially regarding social usages. Interior decorating, professional shopping, acting as a real estate or insurance broker, journalist or beautician are excellent lines of activity for you to consider as mediums of earning a livelihood. You likely will make some man very happy, securing his devotion in return.

The child born on December 25 may, when it reaches preparatory school age, give every indication of being "stage struck." This is a passing phase which, if not dwelt too strongly on by its parents, will give way to some new ambitious idea, probably of a more practical nature.

If a man and December 25 is your natal day, you have a loving disposition and are given to jealousy. You should seek cheerful companionship. You have sufficient ambition to cause you to be satisfied until success crowns your efforts. Scientific, engineering or education work, painting, writing, lecturing or selling probably will provide the right sphere of activity for your versatility.

"This," said the amateur art enthusiast, pointing with great pride to a small picture on the wall, "is a specimen I obtained very cheaply at a sale. It is a genuine Rembrandt, and it is actually worth about four times the price I paid for it."

His guest, who was extremely vague about matters connected with art, gasped.

"Don't really say so! I've seen those Rembrandts advertised, but all my wife ever gets at 'em is bits of silk and ribbon."

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

LANGFORD

The monthly card party sponsored by the Women's Institute was held in the hall, Dunford Road, Thursday evening. The winners for contract bridge were: Mrs. H. F. Dack and H. G. Baynes; consolation, Mrs. H. A. Hincks; auction bridge, first, Mrs. A. B. Cuthbertson and W. J. Deacon; consolation, Reginald Seabrooke. Prizes were donated by Mrs. Cuthbertson and Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Brock and Miss Savoy.

School Children Arrange Concert

The annual Christmas concert and tree was held in the schoolhouse on Friday evening. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by a capacity audience. Mr. D. B. F. Bullen was chairman. The opening number of the evening's entertainment was a piano solo by Margaret Merry, followed by carols sung by the school. The play entitled "The Lost Toys," by the junior room, was well presented, and those taking part were: Lorna Rogers, Jack Levesque, Theo Bayles, Bobby Brown, Freddie Staverman, Jack Taylor, Ritchie Levesque, Glen Moir, Mary Willard, Lois Moore, Evelyn Smith, Phyllis Staverman, Zoe Clevette and B. Pinder. A recitation was given by Vivian Jenkins. The next number was a pageant, "Holy Night," by the Legion class pupils. The tap dance, by Patsy Brown, won an encore. The play, "The Kidnapped Child," by the senior room, was a Chinese story, and the pupils were most attractive in their gay costumes. Those taking part were: Kitty Staverman, Ada Carlow, Phyllis Moore, Rodney Bayles, David Moir, Mary Yoneda, Norton Welch, Bert Walker, Geoffrey Bullen, George Carlow, Claud Heggie, Melva Akman, Doris Buckley and Mildred Staverman. The final item was Christmas songs by the junior room. From a large Christmas tree Santa Claus distributed presents and candies to every child. Refreshments were served by the following committee: Mrs. A. A. Forbes Calland, Mrs. E. F. Levesque, Mrs. H. A. Hincks, Mrs. Bayles and L. R. Rogers. The generous collection which was taken in, was greatly appreciated and will go towards the school sports fund.

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Birthday Party

Mrs. W. V. Putman, 2010 Stanley Avenue, gave a delightful party on Monday afternoon for her little daughter, Mary Seward Putman, who was six years old yesterday. The house was appropriately decorated for the Christmas season and the table was centred by a birthday cake. Mrs. W. Main, Mrs. P. Freeman and Mrs. G. Stagg helped Mrs. Putman during tea. The guests were Mrs. Main, with Shirley and Barbara; Mrs. P. Freeman and Margaret; Mrs. L. G. Clayards, with Mary and Brian; Mrs. C. Hunter, with Alma, Patsy and Ronnie; Mrs. G. Burns and Jimmie; Mrs. J. S. Hall and Gwendolyn; Mrs. J. A. Betts and Patricia; Mrs. N. Renouf, with Wilma and Maureen; Mrs. S. A. Benwell and Doris; Mrs. P. Massingham and Patsy; Mrs. W. J. Levis, Mrs. G. Stagg, Phyllis Agnew, Isabel Hale, Jean McGrath, Mary Stewart and Charles Putman.

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Downing Mathias, of this city, will celebrate their golden wedding tomorrow. Their wedding took place on December 26, 1885, at the Parish Church of St. Chrysostom, Everton, Liverpool, England, Rev. Charles A. Parsons officiating, and the bride

was formerly Miss Annie Eliza Hedderly. Both she and her husband came from Liverpool. In 1912 they came to Canada, settling in Regina, where they lived twenty-two years. Since 1928 they have been coming to Victoria for the winter, and last year came to make their permanent home. They are living at 1590 Haig Street, Esquimalt. Mr. and Mrs. Mathias have two daughters, Mrs. R. M. Lister, of Pelly, Sask., and Mrs. B. T. Derry, of this city; and a son, Mr. Charles D. Mathias, of Elk Lake. There are also six grandchildren. With the exception of Mrs. Lister's family, all the relatives will be here tomorrow to celebrate the golden wedding.

Christmas Tree Party

Mr. Eric B. Edwards entertained recently at a children's Christmas tree party at his home, 1715 Davis Street. The room was gaily decorated and a Christmas tree laden with decorations and candles was the main attraction in the sitting-room. During the early part of the evening a musical programme was given, in which the following children took part: June Irvine, Audrey Lovell, Joy Merriman, Helen Malcolm, Beverly Macbeth, Muriel Malcolm, Florence Rowley, George Yates, Douglas Malcolm, Paul

Smith, Charles and Edward Rowley. A Christmas recitation by Brenda Woodward was also much enjoyed. Games were played and a buffet supper served later by Mrs. L. Edwards, assisted by Mrs. Rowley and Miss Amy Whitty.

Entertains at Empress

Miss Lora Blake entertained at a pre-Christmas party in the Princess Charlotte dining-room of the Empress Hotel yesterday when her guests included: Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Horsey, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nicolson, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. P. McCarter, Mr. and Mrs. Strath, Mr. and Mrs. Abell, Dr. and Mrs. Bryant, Dr. and Mrs. Petrie, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gonnason, Mrs. David Spencer, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Barten, Mr. and Mrs. McQuade, Mr. and Mrs. Millar, Miss Sanson, Miss Brocklebank, Miss Merrick, Mr. Gordon, Mr. J. Clay, Mr. Hewlett and Dr. Macbeth.

Entertains at Tea

Mrs. H. L. Duncan and Miss I. Rendie entertained at tea at the Empress Hotel on Saturday in honor of Miss Eileen Carruthers, whose marriage will take place tomorrow. The guest of honor was presented with a walnut table. Those present were: Mrs. A. L. Carruthers, Mrs. A. M. Duncan, Mrs. G. Alexander, Mrs. Walter Fletcher, Mrs. J. Pulton, Mrs. S. E. Neville, Mrs. K. Warburton, Mrs. Neil Grant, Mrs. Hugh Francis, Mrs. Eric Pentz and J. W. Hanbury.

Return for Christmas

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Sinclair, their daughter, Jean, and Mrs. Sinclair's sister, Miss Ora Bell, have returned home from Ontario for the Christmas season.

Arrives From Vancouver

Miss Marguerite Sanderson arrived yesterday afternoon from Vancouver to spend the Christmas season with her mother, Madame Sanderson-Mongin.

Here From South Pender

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kelly and Miss Soo Kelly are here from South Pender Island to spend Christmas, and are the guests of Sir Richard and Lady Lake, Newport Avenue.

Winnipeg Visitor

Mr. F. E. L. Player, of Winnipeg, who arrived in the city last week, is spending Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. G. P. Player, of Richmond Road.

Here From Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. V. Watson, of Vancouver, and their small daughter, Alice, have arrived in Victoria to spend Christmas here with relatives.

Home for Holidays

Mr. Douglas H. Cree, of Duncan, is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Arthur H. Cree, Island Road, Oak Bay.

Back From Honeymoon

Mr. and Mrs. M. Parby (nee Bursey) have returned from their honeymoon and are living at 1575 Pembroke Street.

Arrived This Morning

Miss V. Roche, of Seattle, arrived in the city this morning to spend Christmas Day with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Oates, Woodlawn Crescent.

Christmas in Vancouver

Miss E. M. Macrae, of the Alkazar Apartments, left last evening for Vancouver, where she will spend Christmas and Boxing Day with relatives.

Left for Vancouver

Miss H. M. Stannard left last night for the Mainland to spend the holiday season with friends in Vancouver.

From Vancouver

Mr. Jack Giolma, of Vancouver, came over to the city yesterday to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. F. Giolma, Olympia Avenue.

"De Valera can stop kicking John Bull's behind—for the time being—but he can't make Southern Ireland stop. Apart from religion, horse-racing and porter, it's the only bit of fun they have in those parts."

A Happy Christmas Smile



Christmas morning is a happy time for little Jacqueline Sheelagh Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin H. Ellis, of Brentwood College, and granddaughter of Major and Mrs. W. R. M. D. Parr, of West Saanich Road, and of Rev. H. M. and Mrs. Ellis, of Comox. Jacqueline is a year and a half old.

HOPE MINGLES WITH JOY AT CHRISTMAS

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In the eternal city of Christianity the spirit of the day was everywhere curbed by evidence of Italy's determination to carry on its East African conflict. Christmas trees were frowned upon by the powerful Fascist party as "a foreign custom."

Rome's 400 churches were visited, however, as on no other occasion.

To the United States, Chancellor Schuschnigg of Austria sent a radio pledge that his country would adhere to its "glorious tradition" toward "attainment of world peace."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After lighting the community Christmas tree in snow-covered Lafayette Park in the United States capital, President Roosevelt said "the spirit of Christmas knows no race, no creed, no climate, no limitations of time or space."

The happy days for the youngsters of the world found the Dismal quintuplets expecting a visit from their parents, brothers and sisters, and John Lindbergh was sailing with his famous parents, Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh for a new home in England.

DAY OF GOOD DEEDS

Thousands of needy were happy with remembrances from individuals and organizations; the day sparkled with "good deeds" and the postmen of the world breathed a sign of relief that their heavy burdens were ended for a year.

Among the beneficiaries of Christmas largesse were upwards of 1,400 convicts from prisons of the United States. They received Yule gifts in the shape of pardons or paroles from the governors, clemency boards and mayors of eighteen states and several cities.

REVOLT AGAINST USE OF ARMS APPARENT

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Wits against police, in an ordinary way, they "strongly disapprove of the use of pistols and revolvers." Authorities, meanwhile, disclosed that the docks of Liverpool would be guarded by extra police when the American importer, carrying the Lindberghs away from threats against their second son, arrives about January 1.

Their first baby, Charles Augustus, Jr., died by a kidnapper's hand more than three years ago.

SMALL EXTRA GUARD

The extra guard which will augment the usual helmeted bobbies and plain clothes men will be small, however, and it was thought unlikely that Scotland Yard operatives themselves would be utilized.

Officials made it plain the British police have no fear that outlaws will attempt to molest the little family. In general the British press re-

tain without exercise, which is a mistake.

After attaining middle age or slightly past middle age with a little time to spare for sport, they plunge into hard games with disastrous results. Youth is the age for violent sport and at middle age or even past thirty a man should commence to prepare for old age by taking up golf or some less violent sport. And the third point is that sport or exercise should be indulged in daily, not just once or twice a week. That is why the daily exercise at home or in a gymnasium is so suitable as it may be taken regularly despite the weather.

The thought, then, is that light exercise (outdoors if possible) should be taken every day, if it is only walking, if we are to keep active mentally and physically.

That Body of Yours

(By James W. Barton, M.D.)

EXERCISE IN OLD AGE

The chief factor in longevity (long life) is undoubtedly heredity; that is, if your ancestors for two or three generations back were long-lived, your chances of living long are likewise good. However, no one with a bad family history need despair if they avoid as far as possible the pitfalls which led to early or premature death of their ancestors. This it was that enabled the late Sir Herman Weber to attain the age of ninety-five in full mental and physical activity, in spite of the fact that his father and mother died in their sixtieth year.

In other words both heredity and environment or surroundings have a bearing on attaining long life. And long life means that there is the mental as well as the physical activity.

Dr. R. King Brown in The British Journal of Physical Medicine speaks of the importance of exercises and recreation for those wishing to attain long life. He stresses the importance of boys and girls and young men and women learning to play the various games such as football, tennis, baseball, cricket or other group games because they learn to use their bodies so that all parts—eye, ear, muscles—work together. Learning to play when young thus makes it easier to play when old even if there have been many years in which no playing was done or exercise taken.

He states further that exercise begun in youth should never be given up. Many attain strength and physique and think this strength and physique will be main-

Hungry Christmas Faces Deportees

ATHENS, Dec. 24 (CP-Havas).—A hungry Christmas was in prospect today for 140 political deportees who declared a hunger strike in protest against their continued isolation on an island in the Aegean, despite amnesties following the return of King George II to the throne of Greece.

GREECE FOR TURKS

ANKARA.—It is somewhat ironical that if one wants now to see a piece of authentic Turkey—a typical Turkish peasant, or a veiled Turkish woman—one must look for it in Greece. For since fezes and veils were banished from Turkey by Mustafa Kemal, Istanbul has become a cosmopolitan city and Turkish peasants indistinguishable from Europeans.

Symphonic Santa Claus Delights Large Audience

Sir Ernest MacMillan Conducts Toronto Orchestra With Fantastically Happy Gestures—Thousands Enjoy Holiday Concert of High-Class Music

TORONTO, Dec. 24 (C).—Canada's symphonic Santa Claus, Sir Ernest MacMillan, chuckled in his false whiskers today as he contemplated another assault on that fallacy that playing or listening to the music of Papa Haydn and Ludwig van Beethoven is an occupation for stuffed shirts and fuddy-duddies.

While Massey Hall officials today said another Christmas box concert would be held next year, setting December 10 as the date, a few thousand music-lovers found the Yuletide more felicitous as they remembered Sir Ernest, toggled as old St. Nick, conducting the Toronto Symphony Orchestra with flamboyant, fantastically happy gestures.

GRATEFUL THOUSANDS

Some thousands of poor people, too, were grateful that the knighted son of a Scottish preacher, the symphony orchestra, Ernest Seitz and other artists gave their services free for a surprise concert which has become the sensation of the winter season here. A precedent was established in music circles when reservations for next year's concert poured in to the management of Massey Hall to the day after the first concert, and even before it had been decided to hold one next year.

Half the city is laughing about the stories, told enthusiastically by witnesses, of Sir Ernest in his Santa Claus outfit, riding up to the platform at Massey Hall on a red sleigh (with festooned wheels) while the orchestra played "Jingle Bells," fell asleep in his chair.

It isn't necessary to check back over vital statistics or do any research work to know that thousands of new babies made their debut into this world during the past few months. In fact, a lot of babies were born yesterday.

How many parents have taken snapshots of their new arrivals? The chances are that the majority have been so busy watching the antics of the little rascals that they have completely overlooked the fact that babies have a habit of growing up and changing right before parents' fond eyes without their seeing the change—in size, disposition, looks or actions.

Cute things the baby may do today may be completely forgotten by him tomorrow. A snapshot would preserve that little baby gesture for years to come. Of course, you want many so-called "record" pictures of the youngster, but for the most part make an effort to snap the baby when he is doing something.

Sooner or later he will discover that he has to play with his tiny little hands and when his tiny little hands are in a "strange" look on his chubby foot. You will cherish that picture in years to come.

In a baby's life there is the first time for everything. There's his first smile; the first time he reaches out his little arms to be taken from his crib; the first time he pulls himself up to the side of a chair and then his first step. By all means don't fail to get a picture of his first excursion to his "high chair" to join the family for his first meal at the table.

Make it a practice, or better yet, a duty to have your camera loaded at all times and ready for action. At least be prepared to make one day

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KEEPS SILENCE FOR MANY YEARS
BOSTON, Dec. 24 (C).—Miss Eloise Reimel, former teacher of seven languages, who in the past twenty-five years had never conversed with her Charlestown neighbors, nor permitted anyone to cross the threshold of her home, died after being taken to hospital. Police, summoned by nearby residents, battered down the locked door of her house and found her lying on the floor with a fractured left leg.
Because the ninety-year-old woman, refused to let anybody in the house, the building was without electricity, water or gas, all of which had been turned off years ago. She would not tell how long she had been lying in her home with an injured leg. Neighbors said that they notified police when she failed to appear for several days.

Polar Bear Club To Take Cold Dip
VANCOUVER, Dec. 24 (C).—Come what may in the way of weather, the Vancouver Polar Bear Club will again plunge into English Bay tomorrow for a Christmas Day dip.

"The water is as warm as it is in April," said a member of the club. "In fact, I haven't known it to be so warm at this season for fifteen years."

About ten members are expected to turn out for the swim, after which plans for another swim on New Year's Day will be discussed.

A very old fat lady was trying to get off a bus, but couldn't do so because of the crowd trying to push themselves on. Eventually she got stuck with one foot on the step and one on the ground in an endeavor to descend sideways.

At that moment the conductor, a small, thin man, poked his head round the old lady and pleaded in a pathetic voice to the crowd: "Let 'er all off first, please."

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A five-year-old was taken to the seaside and there presented with a fine spade which he promptly lost. Later in the day, however, he returned home, bearing a perfectly good spade and a look of extreme satisfaction. "I thought you said you lost your spade," said his mother. "So I did," replied the urchin, "and now another little boy has lost his'n."

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MARIE SUZARD

CHAPTER XXXIX

It was only a little after seven when Carol let herself into her own apartment. The night was bitter cold and she built a blazing fire in the hearth into which she cast the letters and papers she took from her desk. Her valuable papers she placed in an oilskin folder and put into the suitcase—the big one—that was open on her bed. When she had finished, the desk was bare.

Then the real work began. She packed her silver—most of it she had taken from her old home and it was priceless. That she would take to her own bank the next day. Her clothes came next. With great care she packed every pretty frock and hat she had enjoyed buying so much. No matter, she would have others just as pretty and in a little while she could wear those again. The trunk was full to brimming and she slammed it shut. That would be sent to storage on the morrow.

China and linens came next. She packed them away neatly and safely and dragged out the Summer covers that had covered her pretty furniture. It was ten when she had finished and the apartment looked cold and impersonal. Carol stifled the sigh that rose when she surveyed it. She had loved it so as it was. But this was not the time to turn back.

Resolutely she rang the superintendent's bell and when she came she said:

"Mr. Neary, I am leaving for the South quite unexpectedly. I don't know how long I shall be gone. I'll mail my check to the office to take care of the rent. I'm keeping the apartment, you see, and I shall trust you to take care of it for me, to save my mail."

"No," Carol said hastily. "My... my important mail will be... that I'll have my address but I won't leave it here since I will be... I'll be motoring through the South. You just keep it for me and I'll let you know when I am returning."

And now that the physical work was over, Carol sat down to face the other problems that must be settled before she could entirely disappear. Midnight chimed before she had finished writing the notes to her close friends telling them she was taking a motor trip across the country with an old school friend. There was an elaborate one to Gary, telling him she was leaving in a few days.

Meanwhile, in another part of town, a strange looking person approached the desk in a shabby theatrical hotel off Broadway and asked for a room. She was a type not unknown at the hotel, probably an old character actress still trying to play younger roles. Bright spots of rouge tinted her old cheeks. Vermilion stained her lips. A youthful hair and her blue suit was much too young for her for all that it was of good quality.

The clerk looked at her pityingly as she trotted off to the elevator with her shabby little old-fashioned bag and thought of the pretty young things headed in the same direction when Broadway had forgotten them.

If he had pity but not admiration for Miss Josephine Delacourt, Miss Josephine Delacourt had immense admiration for herself as she studied her handiwork in the grimy mirror of the hotel bedroom. The name was a fine touch she thought as she removed the rouge and greasy lipstick. The high heels of her borrowed shoes had tired her and she slipped them off. The blue hat and suit followed and she lay down in her old-fashioned cotton slip. For there was nothing in the little bag save two bath towels which would never be missed. Miss Miranda had thought carefully in her plans for flight.

Would she be safe in that hotel? She thought it the most unlikely place in the world that a search would be made for her and she hoped—with hard-earned heart—that the clerk would never identify the cheap, old, painted thing as the missing Miss Van Cleve. Miss Van Cleve was very, very glad she had read so many modern novels and seen so many movies. She was beginning to enjoy herself. If the rest of her flight was to prove as much fun, she thought the whole pattern of her life would be changed. She shut out the terrible thought of what discovery would mean. Even David would never believe in her.

She fell asleep to dream of herself explaining to David that she had found the fountain of youth.

The next morning Carol bought all the papers. She scanned them from cover to cover but not a line did she see of what she sought. How could that be? She had expected to see it blazoned all over the headlines. Perhaps they had not been discovered. They? No, the Van Cleves would never do suspect that Carol had anything to do with it. At least she hoped they wouldn't.

She dared not leave her apartment that day; there was a reason why she must stay there. There

RADIO INTERFERENCE MAY BE ELIMINATED

Many people in Victoria are not aware of the fact that "methods of eliminating interference in radio reception" is a patent granted by the Canadian Government to Mr. Kendall, of Kendall Radio Laboratories, and makes possible good radio reception in homes fronting street car lines, high tension wires or other sources of interference.

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was the message she was waiting for!

At noon, her bell rang. Obeying a sudden impulse, she put the suitcase in her bedroom and closed the door, flung up the top of the empty desk and pulled off the Summer cover before she answered. She didn't want the apartment to look as though its owner might be going away.

Fear rose swiftly when she found a blue-coated officer standing at the door.

"Miss Kennedy?" the officer asked.

"I am Miss Kennedy," Carol said, and there was exactly the right shade of polite surprise in her voice that any girl would have finding a policeman at her threshold.

"You the nurse who attended Miss Miranda Van Cleve?"

"I am," she said quietly, and then with a trace of concern: "Is there anything wrong, officer?"

"That there is," he replied. "Would you have an idea where she would be?"

"Why, of course," Carol laughed one very little how-very-you-sort of laughs. "Miss Van Cleve would be at her residence. She was ill when I was dismissed, and a trained nurse was in attendance."

"Yeah, I know all that, but she ain't there. This lady has disappeared." Carol made as though she couldn't believe him.

"Oh, officer, how could she? Where could she have gone?"

"The family thought she might have talked to you about friends or something like that. You might be able to give us a clue. Now let's talk this over."

"Certainly, officer, won't you come in?" Carol put no over courteousness in her invitation as she struck the right note again. "I'll be glad to tell you all I know. Miss Van Cleve has another nephew, but he

That was why she was taken suddenly ill."

"Yeah," they sort of said she wasn't all there. She disappeared some time between ten o'clock and midnight and if you ask me, she'll turn up in the morgue. An old lady like that can't disappear on a cold night like last night and stay missing."

"Oh, I hope not. I hope they will find her." Concern shook Carol's voice. "She is so helpless and so

I because I know of nothing that would help you."

"She'll turn up today. The family don't want the papers to know about it yet and they asked me to tell you the same. If you hear of anything, call headquarters, will you?"

"I will, officer, indeed I will. Can I offer you some coffee? I was just getting my lunch."

"No, thank you, I've got to be getting along. Sure you don't know anything?"

The telephone rang out with a shrill ring, but Carol made no move to answer it. She pretended utter deafness as she sat at the police station who took endless time to make his departure.

The phone was still ringing when Carol closed the door behind him. She ran to the bedroom, lifted the receiver from its hook and when she heard the voice at the other end she whispered:

"Wait!"

(To Be Continued)

"You can't get something for nothing in this life."

"That's right," replied the gloomy citizen. "If I want even a few kind words about my disposition and some hope of future success I've got to go to a fortune teller and pay for them."

A hand in the recent radio match with Argentina was an excellent example of this principle. I held the North hand, my wife the South. East and West were of course Argentine players. This was the hand:

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
A K Q
J 9 6 5
A K 4
A Q 7

EAST
A 8 5
A 8 4 2
Q J 9 5
K 5

WEST
J 10 9 6 4 2
K 10 7 3
J 2
A J 3

SOUTH
A 7 3
—
10 8 7 6 3
10 9 8 6 4 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♠ Pass 2 NT
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 3 NT
Double 4 ♠ Pass Pass
Double (final bid)

East's overall of one spade was questionable, but certainly not bad, considering his distribution and non-vulnerability. West's two no trump certainly was justified by his honor trick holding. My own five honor tricks convinced me that the opponents were heading straight for

disaster, so why should I interfere? I freely admit that I would have been greatly embarrassed if East had let the two no trump bid stand.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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Radio Programmes

Summary of Schedule of Victoria and Other Pacific Coast Stations

TODAY

6:30 a.m.—"The Great Family," an observance of Christmas throughout the British Empire, featuring an address by His Majesty King George, KOMO, KOL, KVI, CRCV.

9:30 a.m.—The world will go on parade for M.B.C. audiences at this hour as the "Story of Christmas" is released. Pick-ups have been arranged from Bethlehem, Cairo, Egypt; Rome, Italy; Oslo, Norway; Paris, France; Cranley, Northampton, England; Danzig, Germany; San Francisco, Nashville and New York. KOMO or KJR.

11 a.m.—A radio version of the immortal Handel oratorio, "The Messiah," by the Akron Civic Chorus, KOL, KVI.

11 a.m.—Lucy Bori, internationally-renowned soprano, and the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra will be heard in a special hour-long "Magic Key" programme, KOMO.

12 noon—"Canada Observes Christmas," a two-hour C.R.C. production featuring two pick-ups from Victoria, CRCV.

1 p.m.—A radio dramatization of the "Three Wise Men" will be offered at this time by the Columbia network, OKL, KVI.

2 p.m.—His second annual appearance as "Scrooge" of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will see Lionel Barrymore before Columbia microphones, KOL, KVI.

2:30 p.m.—Rebroadcast of "This Great Family," CRCV.

3 p.m.—"Snappy Christmas," a brief but lively broadcast by the Canadian Radio Commission, CRCV.

6 p.m.—The famous "Ombra Leggera" from Meyerbeer's opera "Dinorah"; "Dureau la Duree" and "Tous les Bourgeois de Chateaux," French carols; and "Les Filles de Cadix" will be sung by Lily Pons during her programme with Andre Kostelanetz' orchestra and chorus, KOL, KVI, KSL.

6 p.m.—John Charles Thomas will devote his entire programme to songs popular with children. The solos include "Adieu, Pigeon," "Sailor Men," "Little Tin Soldiers," "My Sore Thumb," "Evening Song," "Christmas Folk Song," "Contrary Mary" and "Green-Eyed Dragon," KOMO.

6:30 p.m.—Ray Noble's orchestra, Connie Boswell, Al Bowlly, and the Freshmen in a half-hour of seasonal dance tunes, KOL, KVI, KSL.

6:30 p.m.—Sing sing's glee club of 100 voices and its orchestra and band of sixty-six pieces, singing and playing at the New York prison, will be heard during this N.B.C. programme, KOMO.

6:30 p.m.—George Burns and Gracie Allen, with Jacques Renard's orchestra, KOL, KVI, KSL.

9 p.m.—Fred Allen, Portland Hoffa, his amateurs and Peter van Steeden's orchestra in "Town Hall Tonight," KOMO.

THURSDAY

12:30 p.m.—"Whose Aired of the Big Bad Wolf," "I'll Get By" and "Singing in the Rain" are three of the selections to be heard during this new Columbia feature, "Do You Remember?" KOL, KVI.

1:30 p.m.—The first portion of Shakespeare's play "King Henry V" will be dramatized on the "Radio Guild" presentation, KOMO.

6 p.m.—Lanny Ross and cast in "Show Boat," KOMO.

8:15 p.m.—Overture, "The King's Men," by Humperdink; "Minuet," by Mozart; "Scenes de Ballet," by Glazounov; "Coronation March," by Sveden; first movement, "Symphony No. 1," by Sibelius; "Ballade," by Grieg, will be highlights of the broadcast by the Standard

but I was sure he wouldn't, and I was right. Incidentally, against a no trump contract, unless I guessed the purely double-dummy opening lead of the ace and queen of clubs, the opponents would take at least eight tricks. The four spade double paid much better dividends.

My wife opened the ten of clubs, strongly indicating that she was void in my suit. My queen won the first trick, and declarer cleverly false-carded the jack. I next laid down the kind of diamonds, wishing to make sure of the heart situation—a small diamond from my partner would further confirm her void. It came, and I led a low heart, which Mr. Culbertson ruffed. Her problem was now how to put me back into the lead, and of course, she solved it logically. I had shown the ace-king of diamonds, else I would have led them in the conventional manner, ace first, followed by the king. Therefore, a second diamond lead would be ruffed by declarer and her remaining trump drawn. On this reasoning she led another club, which my ace won. A second heart ruff, and later, my trump trick, gave us six tricks and 500 points.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Question—Third hand opens the bidding with one spade. His partner responds with two clubs. Is this a force?

Answer—No. The responding hand has passed originally, and if third hand can be sure there is no game he may pass two clubs.

TOMORROW'S HAND

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A 9 6

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J 10 9 8
Q 6 4
K J 7

EAST
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K J 7

SOUTH
A Q 9 7
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10 2
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Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of William van Hoogstraten. KOMO.

9:45 p.m.—The Colonist radio news, CFCT.

Wednesday Programme

CFCT, Victoria, B.C. (1,400 kcs)

7:45 a.m.—Musical Hour, B.C. 7:45 a.m.—Dr. Clem Davies. 8:00 a.m.—Musical Chronometer. 8:30 a.m.—Christmas Mood. 8:45 a.m.—Dr. Clem Davies. 9:00 a.m.—Estelle Kelly. 9:15 a.m.—Art Furey at the Piano. 9:30 a.m.—Music in the Air. 9:45 a.m.—Concert Music. 10:00 a.m.—Today's Tempo. 10:15 a.m.—World Bookman: "Why Is Our Christmas Tree a Fir Tree?" 10:30 a.m.—Ten Tangled Minutes. 10:45 p.m.—CFCT World Flashes. 11:00 a.m.—Mid-Day Musical. 11:15 a.m.—Daily Monitor. 11:30 a.m.—Birthdays Party. 11:45 a.m.—Dancing Time. 12:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 12:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 12:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 12:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 1:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 1:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 1:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 1:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 2:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 2:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 2:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 2:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 3:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 3:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 3:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 3:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 4:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 4:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 4:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 4:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 5:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 5:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 5:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 5:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 6:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 6:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 6:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 6:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 7:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 7:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 7:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 7:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 8:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 8:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 8:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 8:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 9:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 9:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 9:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 9:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 10:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 10:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 10:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 10:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 11:00 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 11:15 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 11:30 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 11:45 p.m.—Radio Glee Club. 12:00 a.m.—Radio Glee Club.

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CHILDREN GIVEN ENTERTAINMENT

Branch of Canadian Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary are Hosts at Qualicum Beach

QUALICUM BEACH, Dec. 24.—A very enjoyable Christmas entertainment was held in the Community Hall on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Social Branch of the Canadian Legion and Women's Auxiliary to the children of Qualicum Beach and Dashedwood. The hall was decorated with evergreens and two large Christmas trees. Supper was served, after which the children played games for two hours. A musical tableau was then put on by the school children assisted by some of the older boys and girls which was very well received. A tap dance was done by Misses Mary Grant and Betty Bailey; a pianoforte duet was given by Misses Dorothy and Frances Stewart. Santa Claus was announced by Miss Eva Ollian. The entertainment was a great success and much credit is due to all those members of the women's auxiliary who had worked so well to make such a successful event, especially Madam E. Ollian and A. Coombs, who arranged the tableau. Nearly 200 children were present.

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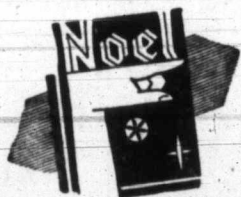
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How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

"TO TEACH THE YOUNG IDEA"

"When the minister a poet would be
A very good poet is he."

So runs an old couplet whose generous spirit of appreciation for latent talent was just what nature ordered for James Thomson, Scotch bard.

Born at the turn of the Eighteenth Century, James Thomson was the son of a minister. And when at fifteen he entered the University at Edinburgh, his intention was to follow his father's vocation.

Fortunately for those of us who love poetry, this plan went astray

and Thomson devoted himself to literature instead.

Success was almost instantaneous. At twenty-seven, he was famous and soon was recognized as a forerunner in the revival of the romantic movement, not only in England but on the Continent, the reawakening dating virtually from the appearance of his outstanding work, "The Seasons," a classic poem treating in turn with Winter, Summer, Spring and Autumn, and which was universally acclaimed.

It is from the portion of "Spring," whose tender appreciation, has not, it is said, been matched by any poet since Milton, that we have the beautiful idea:

Delightful task to rear the tender thought,
To teach the young idea how to shoot;

To pour the fresh instruction o'er the mind!

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Jane Dixon Says:

THE OFFER OF TEN DOLLARS FOR THE BEST SOLUTION TO THE ETERNAL TRIANGLE IS STILL OPEN

The eternal triangle question presented in this column is drawing fire from all points of the compass.

You may recall that this column offers ten dollars in cash to the one who will send, briefly as possible, the best and most practical solution to this problem in human geometry which has puzzled the wisest men and women of all ages.

The angles of the triangle may be a wife, a husband and the other woman. They may be a husband, a wife and the other man.

When home has become a prison and love's golden bonds are turned into clanking iron chains, must the prisoner go on wearing the chains through life, or is it his right to escape?

The offer of ten dollars remains open until such time as this column announces its withdrawal.

Here's a version of the interlocking triangle, not unusual, but graphic.

My Dear Jane Dixon: Perhaps you will think I am old enough to make my own decision, but here is my problem:

HUSBAND DESERTED HER

I am a widow, divorced. My husband left me for another woman before my last baby was born, so immediately I obtained a divorce.

When baby was eight months old I met a man who had separated from his wife and was living with his mother, who was very old. We fell in love, and he asked me to wait for him, that he couldn't very well marry again while his wife lived nor ask for a divorce, since she does not approve of them and neither does he. I agreed to wait.

Meantime he taught my baby to call him "Daddy," so my little son thinks this man is his father.

I disapproved of his doing this, and told him so, but he was so insistent and said that as soon as we could marry he wanted to adopt the baby and leave him whatever worldly goods we have.

This man's mother died two years ago, and in a reasonable length of time I asked him about his promise. He didn't appear to be interested, so I informed him that if he did not expect to place himself in a position to marry me, he should leave me alone—free to find my happiness elsewhere.

He hired a lawyer and filed suit for divorce. He was awarded a first verdict. When the last term of trial came he pretended he had gone to court and was denied a divorce, but I have reliable information that he did not appear, that he went out of town.

PROMISED TO GET A DIVORCE

He drinks, Miss Dixon, and once, in his cups a bit, he told me that our only chance for marriage was for his wife to die. I refused to listen to such talk, so he promised to go away and get a divorce, but he's done nothing about it.

He takes me nowhere, just wants to sit in my home and play cards or read. He says he's too old to run around; money is scarce; he's fed up. He is jealous and afraid I'll go somewhere, so he comes to my house every evening, stays until it is too late for me to go out, then goes to his hotel. And he is with me all day every Sunday.

I am busy all day, and I would like to see a picture once in a while in the evening, or just go window shopping. Continually he grouches about my older children.

Even with his failings, I must love him in a way, or do you think that after four years he has become a habit? I gave him up for five months, but he came back and pleaded with me so pitifully that I weakened. During this time I met a man who works near me, who took me places and tried to put some joy into my life. He has seen me every day, and he is so friendly with baby, who is now four years old. He loves me, I know, and has asked me to marry him.

I'm afraid I do not love him as I do the other man. I don't know. He can offer us a comfortable home, vacations in Florida. He's kind. He believes in having as much fun as possible so long as it is clean and does not interfere with duty.

UNABLE TO DECIDE

Why bother with either man, you ask, since you can't decide?

Miss Dixon, I'm middle-aged. I have a young child to support. The others are grown and supporting themselves, but have not enough to support us. I've never worked, so have no experience for earning. Then, too, I want companionship. I dread a lonely old age.

Should I stick to No. 1 and hope he will keep his promise, or shall I accept No. 2 and take a chance on being happy?—Unknown.

There you are, actually three triangles in one—the woman whose husband went away with the other woman, the widow and the man whose wife doesn't approve of divorce, and the widow with a choice of waiting for a married man or accepting a straightforward offer of marriage.

What, in your opinion, is the answer?

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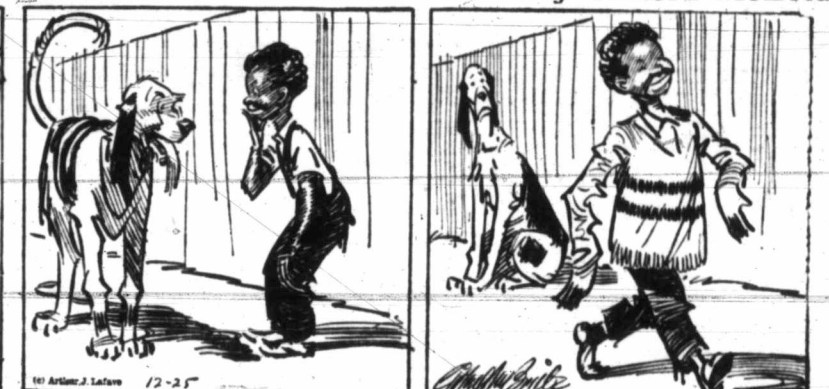
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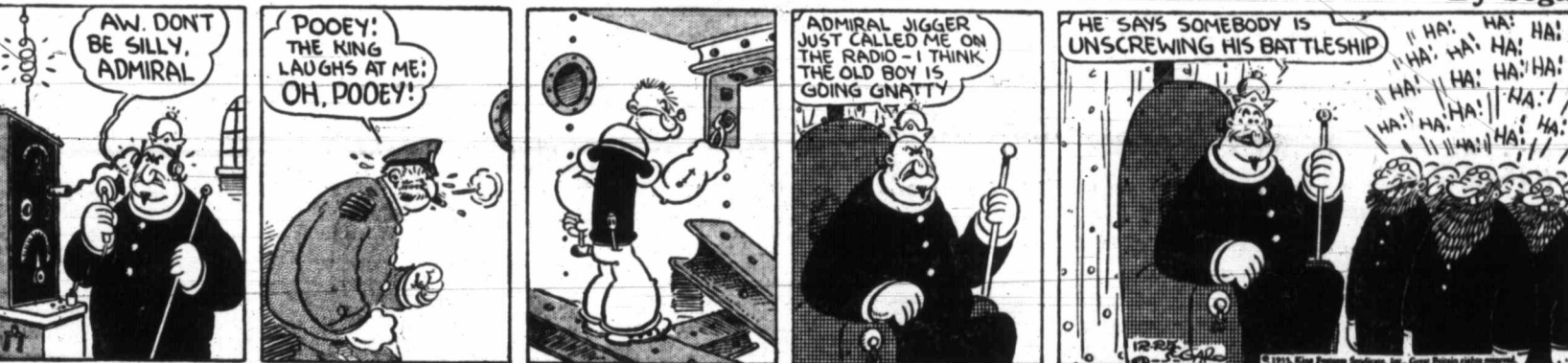
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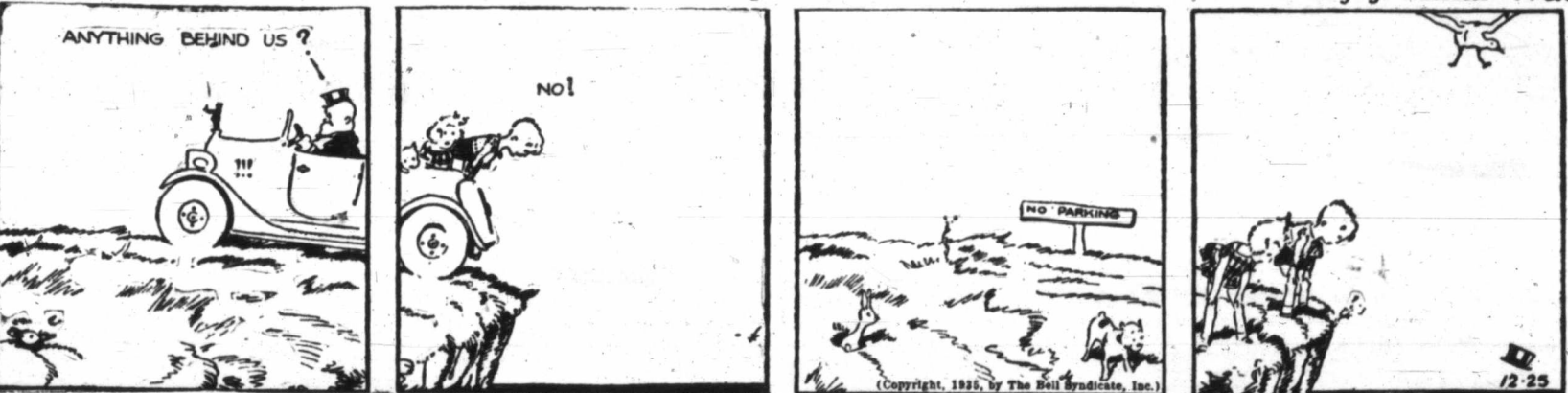
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Business and Professional Directory, Want Ads

The Daily Colonist

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Out-of-town readers of our advertisements will find that the Colonist is available to them in the form of a newspaper. It is available to them in the form of a newspaper. It is available to them in the form of a newspaper.

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MARINE, RAIL and AIR

Christmas Spirit
Carries on Aboard
Steamer and Train

Transportation Men, Although Having to Keep Public Conveyances Moving on Schedules, Believe in Santa Claus at Christmas Time

THE spirit of Christmas happily does not confine its good fellowship to the immediate family fireside. Rightly the place for it, nevertheless it is generous enough to be present wherever the "Welcome Here" signs are on display. The holiday spirit is nowhere more apparent than along the waterfront of any seaport. It goes aboard the little ferries that ply between nearby ports and makes its congenial presence felt in visits to all departments of the freighters and great liners proceeding on their various courses across vast oceans.

It is a wonderful occasion, this annual festival, giving folks a bit of a chance to show what really lurks behind the front exhibited for much the greater part of the preceding twelve months. None takes advantage of this opportunity more wholeheartedly than the man identified with transportation, whether it be on the sea, in the air, on the land, or in an office connected with the public service included in all three groups. If by any chance you have to travel on this day of days to keep faith with someone or other, you will readily appreciate it is so.

While ship, train, tram, bus and air services must operate on schedule all the days of the year, this one day brings cessation of work to many identified with travel and the duties attending it.

CLOSE TO HOME

Close to home, all ranks and ratings aboard His Majesty's Canadian ships at the Esquimalt naval base, the day will be celebrated according to the best traditions of the Senior Service. Federal marine officials, pilots, longshoremen, customs, immigration and postal staffs, with the exception of a limited few, will take "time out" to observe the holiday. Ships operating in the service of the Marine Department are in port, while the "mosquito" craft of the towing fleet are mostly tied up at their berths with fires drawn.

If there is any doubt in your mind about the sailor man not being a believer in Santa Claus, ramble down to a local dock for the proof. You will see that he takes good care to have ocular evidence of his beliefs displayed everywhere in sight. He tops the trucks of his messes, the higher the better, with green trees, and disposes a prodigious amount of greenery and decorations typifying the Christmas season throughout the accommodation between decks. He doesn't doubt, that is why he takes such great pains to make the spirit of goodwill and fellowship

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Lv. Swarts Bay 9:30 A.M.

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Goods Via Trieste and Fiume Are Not Affected by Circumstances

Transit of foreign goods through the ports of Trieste and Fiume is not and cannot in any manner be affected by present exceptional circumstances existing in the Mediterranean, according to advice received today from the traffic committee of Trieste by the General Steamship Corporation, Ltd., Pacific Coast agents for the Italian Libera Line. Transit of goods through these ports, the committee states, is guaranteed by the rulings of the peace treaties and by existing international conventions. The Italian Government, moreover, has guaranteed the free and safe movement of foreign goods, and any report to the contrary is to be considered unfounded and biased.

Shipping lines calling at Trieste and Fiume are maintaining their regular services without alteration and railway traffic with the hinterland, as well as all port operations are proceeding with regularity and punctuality.

Ocean and Coastwise Movements

Weather Report

ESTREVA—Rain; southeast, moderate. 29.44; rough.
LEONARD ISLAND—Rain; southeast, strong. 29.78; rough.
VICTORIA—Rain; southeast, calm; 29.84; 46; rough.
CARIMANAN—Cloudy; southeast, strong. 29.90; rough.

Wireless Report

PRINCESS MAQUINNA—At Ketchikan at 5 p.m., northbound.

Transpacific Mails

CHINA AND JAPAN
"HIVE MARU"—Mails close 11:15 p.m. December 23. Due at Yokohama, December 31.

PRESIDENT GRANT—Mails close 4 p.m. December 7. Due at Yokohama, December 20. Shanghai, December 24; Hongkong, December 27.

EMPEROR OF ASIA—Mails close 4 p.m. December 14. Due at Yokohama, December 26. Shanghai, December 30; Hongkong, January 2.

HEIAN MARU—Mails close 11:15 p.m. December 20. Due at Yokohama, January 3. Shanghai, January 7; Hongkong, January 10.

EMPEROR OF CANADA—Mails close 4 p.m. December 28. Due at Yokohama, January 11. Shanghai, January 14; Hongkong, January 17.

PRESIDENT JACKSON—Mails close 4 p.m. December 31. Due at Yokohama, January 13. Shanghai, January 17; Hongkong, January 20.

MAILS AND PAPER MAILS FOR JAPAN, CHINA AND HONGKONG.

CARRIES MAIL FOR HONOLULU.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND
AORANGI—Mails close 4 p.m. December 4. Due at Auckland, December 23; Sydney, December 28.

MARIPORA (Via San Francisco)—Mails close 11:15 p.m. December 7. Due at Auckland, December 27; Sydney, December 31.

MAKURA (Via San Francisco)—Mails close 11:15 p.m. December 15. Due at Wellington, January 8; Sydney, January 11.

NAGARA—Mails close 4 p.m. January 1. Due at Auckland, January 20; Sydney, January 27.

Shipping Calendar

TO ARRIVE:
PRESIDENT JACKSON—Philippines, China and Japan, December 15.

PACIFIC GROVE—United Kingdom, December 17.

EMPEROR OF CANADA—Philippines, China and Japan, December 24.

HAWAIIAN MARU (Vancouver)—Japan, December 24.

MAKURA—Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii, December 27.

LOCHGOOL—United Kingdom, December 28.

EMPEROR OF RUSSIA—Philippines, China and Japan, December 30.

PACIFIC ENTERPRISE—United Kingdom, December 31.

TO DEPART:
EMPEROR OF ASIA—Japan, China and Philippines, December 14.

HEIAN MARU (Vancouver)—Japan, December 14.

PACIFIC GROVE (Vancouver)—United Kingdom, December 21.

EMPEROR OF CANADA—Hawaii, Japan, China and Philippines, December 24.

MAKURA—Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii, December 27.

LOCHGOOL—United Kingdom, December 28.

EMPEROR OF RUSSIA—Philippines, China and Japan, December 30.

PACIFIC ENTERPRISE—United Kingdom, December 31.

Coasting Craft

VICTORIA—VANCOUVER—St. Princess Charlotte at 2 p.m. daily for Vancouver; St. Princess Charlotte at 2 p.m. daily for Victoria; St. Princess Jean will leave Victoria daily for Vancouver at 12 midnight; St. Princess Elizabeth at 6 p.m. daily for Victoria; St. Princess Jean will leave Victoria daily for Vancouver at 1 p.m.

VICTORIA—SEATTLE—St. Princess Charlotte at 4:30 p.m. daily for Seattle; St. Princess Charlotte at 4:30 p.m. daily for Victoria; St. Princess Jean will leave Victoria daily for Seattle at 9 a.m.; St. Princess Elizabeth at 12 noon; St. Princess Jean will leave Victoria daily for Seattle at 1:15 p.m.

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Wyatt Earp Braves
Dangerous Channel;
Airplane Is Ready

Expedition Expects to Commence Placing Depots In About Nine Days According to Arrangements Made by Ellsworth

(Copyright, 1935, by the North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc., and The New York Times Company.)
ABOARD MOTOR SHIP WYATT EARP, Dec. 24.—(By Wireless.)—On her way to carry out the requirements laid down before Lincoln Ellsworth and Pilot H. Lock-Kenyon left her, the Wyatt Earp is braving the dreaded Cockburn Channel—a few miles north of Cape Horn and through which boats pass only in emergency—threatening her way through the East and West Furies, a series of rocks, some awash, some just above water and others lurking a few feet below the surface—a trap for the unwary.

Luck was with us at the beginning of the journey, for the seas were calm and the light wind that blew at noon when we passed was astern.

But tonight, as if regretting the

generous treatment so far afforded, black, swirling wind-driven clouds are piling high over the mountains of Tierra Del Fuego and dashing far to the southwestward of our course.

CARRIED ON FLOATS

Today the airplane crew worked steadily from daylight to dusk and that means eighteen hours at this latitude. There are numerous adjustments to be made to the new plane provided for depot laying on Ellsworth's trail. She is carried on floats above the hatches. Canvas covers have had to be made to protect her from the spray; all oil lines on the engine have to be asbestos covered to protect them from the cold; the wireless outfit has to be readjusted to meet the needs of the moment, and many other jobs of work must be done in order that the machine will be ready when needed.

Perhaps in nine days from now she will drop 350 pounds weight of supplies and fuel at a point where Ellsworth might possibly but is not likely to require them.

It is 780 miles from our noon position to the nearest we can expect to get to Charcot Island. If the luck still holds it might be possible to make the flight soon after arrival there, but it is more than likely it will be necessary to wait until the weather provides a favorable chance to unship the seaplane.

Once over the side the depot laying flight should be made in less than two hours.

DATE AGREED ON

After laying the depot on Charcot Island, the Wyatt Earp will proceed with all dispatch to the Bay of Whales and it is hoped, will reach there between January 20 and 25, a date agreed upon with Ellsworth before he left on his trans-Antarctic flight.

Pilot Merrill did a splendid job in delivering the new airplane to the depot-laying flights. Lymburner met the plane at San Antonio, flew it a thousand miles that day and then worked for two days and a half with others in changing the landing gear to floats.

DISCHARGED
CARGO HERE

American Mail Line Official Employs Riggers and Transport Workers

Expediency evidently took the upper hand in the local waterfront difficulty here last evening on the arrival of the American Mail Line S. President Jackson from Orient ports, and for the time being at least broke the deadlock, which threatened to force the liner to pass up this port and carry cargo destined for the local dock on to Seattle for discharge there.

Following several conferences yesterday between local longshore organizations, dock and ship company officials, which were getting nowhere, Captain Proberg, port superintendent of the American Mail Line at Seattle, informed all concerned that it was his business to have the freight landed on the local docks without any undue delay after her arrival, and if satisfactory arrangements could not be made in the meantime between the interested parties, the American Mail Line would have to find ways and means to unload it on its own responsibility.

That is what happened. The American Mail Line, under the leadership of the liner, and to forestall any objections on the part of the Maritime Federation members in the Jackson's crew as to who should or should not handle the cargo on the dock, he engaged the Victoria Riggers and Transport Workers, the organization which has been off the local docks for some time, to go to work.

Whether this will continue to be the policy of the American Mail Line in connection with its ships coming here, or whether it will solve the differences of opinion existing here or not, remains to be seen.

Queen Charlotte
Mails

VIA VANCOUVER—Mails close 11:15 p.m. December 18 and 21 and January 9 and 23.
VIA PRINCE RUPERT—Mails close 1:15 p.m. December 18 and 21 and January 9 and 23.
Ti-el to Prince Rupert only.

British Ship Has Russian Gold
Ore for Tacoma

SEATTLE, Dec. 24 (AP).—The British ship Anglo Columbian, from Leningrad, was due in port today with a cargo of Russian gold ore consigned to the Tacoma smelter.

The cargo is valued at \$500,808, officers of the General Steamship Company, agents, reported. The General Steamship Company said the Anglo Columbian was the last ship of the Fall season from Leningrad, because of ice conditions. Vessels, until Spring, will clear from Odessa.



DAVID SPENCER LIMITED

Our Store Will Be Closed Today and Thursday—Midwinter Sale of Coats, Suits and Dresses Starts Friday, December 27

JACKSON IN
FROM ORIENT

Liner Behind Schedule—Hikawa Maru Passed Up—Niagara Due Saturday

From Far East ports, the American Mail Line S. President Jackson, Captain M. Seavey, U.S.N.R., commander, tied up alongside Rithmet shortly after 5 o'clock last evening. She was about ten hours behind schedule. The liner brought in a light list of passengers, heavy mails and a capacity cargo. Several passengers landed here and some 250 tons of general cargo were discharged on the local dock before the liner continued to Seattle at 8:30 o'clock.

Travelers arriving on the President Jackson included S. C. Anschell, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Casey, Captain J. K. Dickson, William R. Davis, Arthur D. Engle, Dr. W. A. Fell, A. Greenfield, Mrs. M. T. Hucksby, Mrs. Helen T. Hala, Mrs. Lew G. Kay, M. R. King, C. L. Manly, Selim M. Nasar, Joseph Rucker, Joseph Rucker, Jr., T. S. Ripple, R. G. Stoner, Russell R. Sempie, Mrs. Henry T. Throckmorton, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Windle, Miss Yoshiko Yamagishi and Mr. Dor Chong.

Due to arrive at William Head at 2 o'clock this morning, the Nippon Hikawa Maru will proceed directly to Vancouver on obtaining pratique. The liner will land some 900 tons general cargo at Vancouver before continuing to Seattle, where she will land, among other freight and express, four car loads of raw silk, consignments of live gold fish and silver valued at 2,500,000 yen.

Coming in from Australia, by way of New Zealand, Fiji and Hawaii, the Canadian-Australasian S. Niagara is due here sometime Saturday, according to the latest advice received at the local office of Canadian Pacific Steamships. The liner is bringing passengers, mails and cargo.

OWNED FINE
SHIP FLEET

Late Sir William Smith
Founder of Reardon
Smith Line

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24 (AP).—The death of Sir William Reardon Smith, aged eighty, in Cardiff, Wales, yesterday, was reported here today. He was the founder of the Reardon Smith Line, which has thirty modern motorships and steamers. His vessels have been operating out of Vancouver since 1912.

Sir William was born in Appleton, Devon, and was educated at a Wesleyan day school there. He shipped in a coaster vessel at an early age in order to relieve the financial strain on his widowed mother.

SEA IN BLOOD

The sea was in his blood but he was as keen on change as most other lads, and when he got the opportunity of "swallowing the anchor" in Nova Scotia and getting a job building and rigging sailing ships there, he accepted it readily.

He studied for his master's certificate and, after receiving it, commanded a number of large sailing ships, mostly Glasgow owned. In 1880 he married.

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